

Love County Community Coalition

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2010

Coalition Priorities:

- ◆ Community Health and Fitness ◆ Violence Prevention
- ◆ Healthy Families ◆ Community Collaboration & Vitality

About Us...

A Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, meeting monthly since 1991, became the Turning Point Partnership. In 2010, the group celebrated election success in passing E911, and the acquisition, by grant, of a fulltime domestic violence investigator. A major undertaking was development of a joint committee with the Johnston County Coalition to engage in tobacco prevention and control, with an eye on a Tobacco Settlement grant.



Stacey Letkiewicz (right), Community Children's Shelter, rehearses Marietta drama student Brenton Brown for the 16th annual child abuse prevention puppet show put on in grade schools by the Love County Community Coalition.

Key Activities:

- ◆ Violence Prevention. Collaboration with the City of Marietta, Love County Sheriff, and the Family Shelter of Southern Oklahoma resulted in hiring a fulltime domestic violence investigator for city/county in February. In April the Love County Victim Advocate put on a pre-prom program for area high schools that focused on date battery and alcohol abuse. In October, the third annual Candlelight Vigil honored those who have lost their lives to domestic violence.
- ◆ Annual Programs recurred in: Child Abuse Prevention (puppet show on sexual abuse/physical abuse in all elementary schools); Blue Ribbon tree promotion with 4,800 ribbons tied by senior volunteers on a tree on the lawn of the library, signifying client contacts by social service agencies serving children; legislator recognition lunch bringing candidates and officeholders to the coalition to hear our agenda and meet our members.
- ◆ Introduction of New Services in: area homeless shelter for women, home weatherization for low-income clients; food bank at senior nutrition site.

Partners:

First Christian Church
Bethel Union Baptist Church
First United Methodist Church
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Covenant of Grace Church
Enville Community Church
Marietta Church of Christ
Mercy Health/Love County
C-SARA Foundation
211 of Southeastern Oklahoma
Sooner Start
Leadership Love County
Community Children's Shelter
CASA of Southern Oklahoma
Department of Human Services
Family Shelter of Southern Oklahoma
Greenville, Marietta, Thackerville
Turner School Systems
Big 5 Community Services
Lake Country Manor Nursing Home
Love County Chamber of Commerce
Love County Children's Review Board
District Attorney Multidisciplinary Team
Love County Health Department
Love County Sheriff & Commissioners
Love County System of Care
Marietta City & Lions Club
Marietta and Thackerville Police
Mental Health Services of So. Ok.
OSU Extension Services
Grace Day Center
Therapeutic Foster Care
Southern Okla. Nutrition Program
Cellphones for Life
Red River Valley REA
Forget Me Not USA
Provident, Families First Counseling
Sooner Start
Mama Knows, Inc.
Agape Project
Pregnancy Resource Center of S. OK
Bikers Against Child Abuse
Medicare Part D Volunteer Enroller
Ardmore Area Prevention Network
Morning Star Adolescent Treatment Unit
CASA
Community Volunteers

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ SUSTAINED ATTENTION TO CHILD ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- ◆ SUSTAINED BROAD-BASED COALITION—INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP TOPPED 100 FOR THE FIRST TIME
- ◆ COALITION GEARS UP FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2011