

Lincoln County Turning Point Coalition

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2009

Coalition Priorities:

1. Underage Drinking Prevention
2. Youth Bullying Prevention
3. Rx Drug Abuse Prevention

About Us...

The Prague Turning Point Coalition has been in existence for just over a year. Shortly after becoming established and determining the health priorities facing their community they received a Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities grant through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health. The Prague Safe and Drug Free Communities program focuses on bullying prevention and increasing parental knowledge of underage drinking.

The coalition held its first session of Prague Parent University in March, 2009. Prague Parent University was created to help parents learn how to support their children's social, emotional and physical development while emphasizing the importance of parent-child communication. The event was open to parents of children attending Prague Public Schools. Local banks donated dinner to all participants. Workshops included: Internet safety, Youth and Rx Drug Abuse, What Kids Need to Succeed (Developmental Assets), Bullying 101, Raising Money Smart Kids and Family Finances 101 and What Do You Know About Underage Drinking. Approximately 30 families attended the first event. Plans are currently underway for the 2nd Session of Parent University to be held in November 2009.

The Prague Choose to Win Camp was held in June 2009. The "Choose to Win" summer youth day camp targeted students entering the 3rd – 5th grades with High School students serving as Team Leaders and Mentors. Approximately 65 campers were in attendance. The camp was created in response to growing community concerns surrounding issues such as childhood obesity, personal fitness and youth bullying prevention, while offering youth an unique opportunity for promoting wellness, lifelong physical activity and positive dietary habits.

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Implementing the Steps To Respect Bullying Curriculum in the Prague Schools for 2009/2010 school year in 4th, 6th, 7th grades.
- ◆ Choose to Win Camp, 1 week long with 65 kids in attendance.
- ◆ Crystal Darkness Campaign/Watch Party 120 in attendance.
- ◆ Steps To Respect/ Bullying Prevention Faculty Training, 70 in attendance.
- ◆ Steps To Respect Poster Contest; Students in 3rd, 5th, and 6th grade classes were asked to participate. Winner of poster contest 6th grader Bethany Richardson. (far right picture)

Partners:

City of Prague	Beachler's Grocery Store
Prague City Police	Vision Bank
Banc First	COCAA
Prague Community Hospital	Lincoln County Red Cross
Lincoln County Health Department	Prague Chamber of Commerce
Prague Schools	A.G.R.I.P
Lincoln County Area Prevention & Resource Center	Local Churches
	Local Community Members

Key Activities:

- ◆ Steps to Respect Poster Contest
- ◆ Parent University
- ◆ Crystal Darkness Campaign/ Watch Party
- ◆ Choose to Win Summer Camp
- ◆ SADF Schools and Communities Grant

