



Logan County Partnership

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2011

About Us...

The Logan County Partnership originated as the Logan County Networking Group, and has been a cornerstone of community collaboration since the first meeting in 1989. The first efforts focused on identifying social and community health issues adversely affecting Logan County residents. Over time the coalition's goals were increasingly guided by the Healthy People 2010 initiative. The mission of the Logan County Partnership is to improve the quality of life for Logan County citizens through sharing resources, networking, creating awareness, identifying gaps in services, and advocating.

The coalition has been very active over the last year. They have secured funding from Safe Routes to School (\$200,000 for infrastructure/\$20,000 for non-infrastructure) for Fogarty Elementary School. The SRTS grant will help improve the walk-ability to school, decrease congestion around school property to ensure safer walking conditions, create more sidewalks,

and increase physical activity among students who participate in the walking school bus.

Nutrition and Fitness are key priorities of the Logan County Partnership. In June 2011, the coalition was awarded the Communities of Excellence in Nutrition and Fitness grant from the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. This grant opportunity will reduce obesity and increase physical activity in Logan

County. Other funding sources the coalition has secured include the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth and Systems of Care.

The current slate of officers include Justin Fortney, Chair; Lacy Hudson Vice Chair; and Amanda Fortney, Secretary. For more information regarding the Logan County Partnership contact Justin at justinf@health.ok.gov



Members from Crescent School attend the 5320 Launch Party and are pictured with Gov. Fallon



Partnership Priorities

- Nutrition and Fitness
- Tobacco Prevention
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Children's Health



“The Logan County Partnership finds new ways every year to make a difference in our community. Even with a history of success, it really feels like we’re on the verge of our best years!”

- Justin Fortney, Coalition Chair

Community Profile: Strengths and Challenges

Logan County is located North of Oklahoma County with Guthrie being the county seat. The population is just over 39,000 with nearly a quarter of it’s residents under 18 years of age. Although Logan County’s median household income is higher than the state’s, most of the higher income is located in the southern portion of the county which acts as a suburb of Edmond.

Some of the community strengths in Logan County include a very active coal-

ition, community support for children's programs, and efforts to increase utilization of services.

Although Logan County has a great deal of strengths, it does have its challenges as well. The two grocery stores in Logan County are located in Guthrie and Crescent making it difficult for residents in outlying communities to have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Another challenge is trying to get residents to be more

physically active. With the mean travel time to work being 28 minutes, residents are spending a significant amount of time commuting to and from work. The coalition is aware of its challenges and looks to address them in the years to come while building on their strengths.

Special Project

Logan County received an Oklahoma Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant in 2010 to focusing on Fogarty Elementary School in Guthrie. \$200,000 was awarded for infrastructure and \$20,000 was awarded for non-

infrastructure. The SRTS grant will improve children’s safety while walking and bicycling to and from Fogarty Elementary School. The program benefits extend beyond the school day.

The SRTS grant will also encompass the following:

- ◇ Build sidewalks, bicycle paths & pedestrian-friendly infrastructures
- ◇ Reduce speeds in

school zones & neighborhoods

- ◇ Address distracted driving among drivers of all ages
- ◇ Educate generations on pedestrian & bicycle safety



Logan County Courthouse



The Logan County Partnership is looking to expand the SRTS program in Logan County by applying for another Oklahoma Department of Transportation SRTS grant for Guthrie Upper Elementary and Crescent Schools.

Funding

- ◇ ***Communities of Excellence in Nutrition and Fitness***
Purpose: To reduce obesity and increase physical activity in Logan County
Funding: July 1, 2011-Sept. 30, 2012; \$90,000.00 ***Funder:*** TSET

- ◇ ***Communities of Excellence in Tobacco Control***
Purpose: To reduce tobacco use in Logan County
Funding: Oct. 1, 2010-Sept. 30, 2011 ***Funder:*** TSET

- ◇ ***Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth***
Purpose: Coalition operating costs
Funding: Yearly; \$500.00 ***Funder:*** OCCY

- ◇ ***Systems of Care***
Purpose: Agencies coming together to provide support for children and families who are experiencing mental, emotional, and behavioral issues
Funding: Yearly; \$120,000.00 ***Funder:*** ODMHSAS

- ◇ ***Safe Routes to School***
Purpose: To reduce congestion near schools and to create sidewalks so children can bike and walk safely to school
Funding: Yearly; \$220,000.00 ***Funder:*** OK Department of Transportation

Impact/Outcomes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Rookie Round Up ◇ 4th Annual Touch the Trucks for Child Abuse Prevention ◇ Received Safe Routes to School Grant for Fogarty and applying for Crescent and Guthrie Upper Elementary schools ◇ International Walk to School Day ◇ Held Reality Party in Guthrie to educate parents on the dangers of underage drinking parties- Approximately 25 parents in attendance ◇ Passed two 24/7 tobacco free school policies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Coalition received training on suicide prevention through Systems of Care ◇ Held Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups through Smart Start ◇ Actively supported the 5320 campaign ◇ Undergoing Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership process (MAPP) ◇ Influenced the passing of Guthrie's Complete Streets Resolution ◇ Coalition members advocated for Youth Access and Clean Indoor Air ordinances |
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