



About Us...

The Love County Community Coalition is a citizen-led group that began in 1991. Initially brought together to address child abuse in Love County, the Coalition expanded its interests and membership over the years to address the full range of social and health concerns. The group became a Turning Point affiliate in 2003.

Established practices have been:

1. Help agencies and volunteers connect to the people in need of public and community services.
2. Communicate to the public about health and social service issues and the research-based methods for healing and social justice being delivered by helping agencies and volunteers.
3. Enable service providers and volunteers to meet one another and collaborate on common cases and issues.

At monthly luncheon-meetings hosted by Mercy Health/Love County Hospital, community volunteers and agency professionals learn one another's services in the interest of making health and social services widely understood. They launch initiatives and grant applications of benefit to Love County.

Insights Into Poverty: Vanesa Ramsey, retired executive of Good Shepherd Community Clinic, recommended to the Coalition in April that volunteers and employers read "Bridges Out of Poverty" for better understanding and assisting poor people.



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Partnership Priorities

Community Collaboration & Vitality

Healthy Families

Violence Prevention

Community Health and Fitness



Summer Playground: Children receive nutritious mid-morning snacks from the Love County Health Department. Thom Maier, community volunteer in the Coalition, organizes the annual day camp at Falconhead Resort for Love County children ages 5 through 5th grade. SORTS bus provides transportation from throughout Love County. Campers learn outdoor sports and swimming. Sixty-one children enrolled in 2014.

2014

Mission Statement

Unite partnerships to connect people to health and social services that promote a healthy lifestyle. Nurture and build partnerships and leverage resources to meet the goals and objectives of the Love County Community Coalition.

Vision

To create and sustain a thriving, safe, healthy, and productive community.

Partnerships

Big 5 Community Services
City of Marietta
Civic Organizations & Volunteers
Community Children's Shelter
C-Sara Foundation
Court Appointed Special Advocates
Department of Human Services
District Attorney Multi-disciplinary Team
E-911 of Love County
Falconhead Resort
Family Shelter of Southern Oklahoma
Families First Counseling
First Christian Church
First United Methodist Church
Good Shepherd Clinic
Holy Cross/Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Activities

- Study of Nutrition in foods sold in Love County stores (NEMS-S).
- Understanding poverty, with insight from retired executive of Good Shepherd Community Clinic;
- Thackerville Public Schools and its features and offerings;
- Progress in the Department of Human Services on the Pinnacle Plan for care of children in foster homes;
- Mental health services and chronic cutbacks in local and statewide care;
- Child Abuse Prevention Month, including presentation of the annual puppet show;
- Adult day care and community counseling, with opening of Mercy Love County Adult Day Center in Marietta;
- County Fair Building renovation to enhance public meetings;
- Oklahoma Social Host Law, communicating how home/property owners and other "hosts" are liable for underage drinking on premises.



Love County Legacy Park: A one-mile recreational trail is under construction north of Mercy Health/Love County Hospital in Marietta. It is paved for use by walkers, joggers, and cyclists. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department provided grant funding.

Outcomes/Impacts

- Training and Support of County Enrollers for Affordable Care Act
- Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Puppet Show to 1,000 Elementary Kids
- County Commissioners and Hospital Team Up to Save Senior Volunteer Program and Begin Construction of Social Services Building
- More Than 200 Love County Seniors Save Over \$100,000 in Coalition's Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Initiative
- Health & Fitness Committee Aids Hospital In Construction of Legacy Park, a Recreational Walking Trail in Marietta
- Love County Senior Program Launches Fundraising for Landscaping of Legacy Park

FUNDING**Communities of Excellence Physical Activity and Nutrition Grant**

Purpose: *Fund policy and environmental change around fitness and nutrition in Love and Johnston Counties*

Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Grant

Purpose: *Fund Legacy Park Recreational Trail in Marietta*

Wichita Mountains Prevention Network Social Host Grant

Purpose: *Communicate to vendors, youth and the public about the Oklahoma Social Host Law, which punishes the host for permitting underage drinking at the home or property.*

Systems of Care

Purpose: *Collaborate across agencies, families, and youths to improve access and expanding services and supports for children and youth with serious emotional disturbance.*

Industrial Foundation
Mercy Health/Love County Hospital, Clinic, EMS
Mercy Health Love County Day Care Center & Family Center
Love County Health Department
Love County Library
Love County Senior Program
Love County Sheriff Department
Love County Systems of Care
Love County Victim Advocate
Love County Post-Adjudication Review Board
Mama Knows, Inc.
Marietta Lions Club
Marietta Police
Marietta, Thackerville, Turner & Greenville Schools

Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma
New Dimension Literary Council
Office of Juvenile Affairs
Oklahoma Families First
OSDH Turning Point
OSU Extension Services
Providence Counseling, Madill
Red River Valley REA
Somerset West Counseling
Sooner Start
Southern Oklahoma Nutrition Program
Summer Playground
Support for Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse
Varangon Academy
Wichita Mountains Prevention Network