



## 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 next 22 years to address the full range of social and health concerns. The group celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Turning Point affiliate in 2013.

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

engage with representatives of governmental, non-profit, and other social service agencies. They 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.



*Child Advocate Honored:* Sissy Burge, second from left, retiring executive director of the C-SARA Foundation and Child Advocacy Center, was honored by the Coalition in July 2012 for extraordinary service in child abuse prevention and intervention.

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### Partnership Priorities

*Community Collaboration & Vitality*

*Healthy Families*

*Violence Prevention*

*Community Health and Fitness*



*Guiding Stars at Homeland Grocery:* Alyson Dykstra (left), dietician at Homeland Grocery, explains the Guiding Stars concept to Coalition members Murray McMurray and Carolyn Garner. Homeland places 1, 2, or 3 stars on foods with nutrition value, allowing shoppers a handy guide for selecting a healthy diet.

**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

**Activities**

- ⇒ Coalition held information programs focusing on:
- ⇒ Child Advocacy Center of Ardmore and its retiring executive director Sissy Burge; Ardmore Village retirement community, and its director Jessica Pfau;
- ⇒ Marietta Public Schools, and its site principals;
- ⇒ Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma and its staff;
- ⇒ Love County Health Department and coordinating nurse Amber Marr; Children First and its Lead Nurse, Brooke Pruitt.

**FUNDING**

**Communities of Excellence Nutrition & Fitness Grant**

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

**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.*

**Outcomes/Impacts**

- \*Preparing Community to Enroll in Affordable Care Act in October 2013
- \*Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Puppet Show to 1,000 Elementary Kids
- \*Drive-By Fruiting Initiative of Member Agency RSVP Recognized by DHS in June 2013 as Oklahoma's Most Outstanding Volunteer Program
- \*More Than 200 Love County Seniors Save Over \$100,000 in Coalition's Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Initiative
- \*Health & Fitness Committee Continues to Implement TSET Nutrition & Fitness Grant
- \*Coalition Hosts Public Forum About Medicaid with Oklahoma Health Care Authority

*Summer Playground: Thom Maier, community volunteer in the Coalition, teaches golf to Brianna Stewart, at Summer Playground in June 2013. Maier organized the day camp, which teaches elementary age children nutrition and physical fitness.*



Holy Cross/Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
 Industrial Foundation  
 Mercy Health/Love County Hospital, Clinic, EMS  
 Love County Health Department  
 Love County Library  
 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

New Dimension Literary Council  
 Office of Juvenile Affairs  
 Oklahoma Families First  
 OSDH Turning Point  
 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