



About Us...

The Love County Community Coalition is a citizen-led coalition which began in 1991. The coalition was initially brought together to address child abuse in Love County. Twenty years later this is still a priority in addition to other health concerns.

For the past 20 years the coalition has been meeting at the local Library, until 2012 when the coalition moved their meeting location to the Mercy Health-Love County Hospital. The hospital provides meeting space and continues to provide a healthy lunch.

The coalition is designed for governmental, non-profit, and other social service agencies to come together to discuss services and local concerns.

In 2011 the coalition formed the Fit Communities consortium with the Tishomingo Development Team and was awarded funds from the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust to address nutrition and fitness in Love and Johnston County.

The coalition also hosts an annual Legislative Luncheon which provides an opportunity for local residents and service providers to discuss upcoming legislative items and concerns with their representatives.

The Love County Community Coalition in partnership with Southern Oklahoma Nutrition Program, Big 5 Community Services RSVP program and Love County Community Hospital implemented the Drive By

Fruiting Initiative in 2012.

The initiative provides an opportunity for community members to provide a tomato, potato, apple, banana and an orange to seniors in the community to promote nutrition.

The coalition continues to strengthen its membership in order to make Love County a healthier place to live, work, and play.



Child Abuse Awareness Month Display—located at Mercy/Love County Hospital .



Fit Communities - Love and Johnston Consortium

Partnership Priorities

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

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.



Debra Hayes & Brenda Short—recognized by Chair for initiating Sooner Start 20 years ago in March 2012.

Activities

- 20th Anniversary of the Coalition
- Coalition Membership Recruitment
- Nutrition & Fitness Activities
- Drive By Fruiting Initiative
- Participation in the Red River Valley REA Health Fair
- Participation in Frontiers Days
- Mud Run— to support afterschool program
- Annual Puppet Show— to celebrate Child Abuse Awareness Month

Partnerships

- Big 5 Community Services
- City of Marietta
- Civic Organizations & Volunteers
- Community Children’s Shelter
- C-Sara Foundation
- Department of Human Services
- District Attorney Multi-disciplinary Team
- Dollar Tree Inc.
- Falconhead Resort
- Fehr Foods
- First Christian Church
- Industrial Foundation
- Mercy Health Love County Hospital
- Love County Health Department
- Love County Library
- Love County Systems of Care
- Marietta Lions Club & Baseball Program
- Marietta Police
- Mental Health Services of Southern OK
- Red River Valley REA
- OSDH Turning Point
- OSU Extension Services
- Marietta, Thackerville, Turner & Greenville Schools
- Southern Oklahoma Nutrition Program
- Summer Playground
- Wichita Mountains Prevention Network

Outcomes/Impacts

- November 2011**
Hosted Mud Run for 75 participants to benefit Love County Afterschool Program
- January 2012**
Completion of county wide readiness assessment to address obesity.
- April 2012**
Annual Child Abuse Awareness Month activities— Annual School Puppet Shows
- June 2012**
Submitted TSET implementation grant to address fitness and nutrition in Love County and to increase awareness of a healthier lifestyle.

FUNDING

*Communities of Excellence
Nutrition & Fitness Grant
Purpose: Fund policy and environmental change around fitness and nutrition in Love and Johnston County*



Love County Mud Run Participants— Love County Health & Fitness Committee