



About Us...

The Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition brings together a wide circle of community agencies and partners, which coordinate efforts and resources to more effectively improve the wellness of the people of Okmulgee County. This dynamic group has a strong sense of purpose, and has taken ownership of creating lasting change that will improve the quality of life for the residents of Okmulgee County for years to come. The Coalition is an action-oriented and outcomes-driven organization, which seeks to provide resources and motivation for organizational and system wide change that can be sustained over time, and will positively impact the health of all who live, work, learn and play in Okmulgee County.

All members of the coalition are very busy individuals, but are highly committed to the purpose of the organization and its overarching purpose of making a positive difference in Okmulgee County. A testament to each member's commitment is his/her strong and active participation in monthly meetings as well as the meetings of the sub-committees. A coalition strategic planning session held this year led to planned action steps for each committee to follow, that will drive change within the county, at both short-term and long-term levels.

From an economic perspective, Okmulgee County is one of the poorest counties in Oklahoma. With the county's assets including proximity to Tulsa, Tulsa reliever

airport, rail service, the highway system, two higher education institutions, the capital of the Muscogee Creek Nation, multiple health services, as well as recreational opportunities, the coalition is poised and committed to significantly changing Okmulgee's economic and social well-being during the next decade.

The County Health Ranking report for 2012 indicated a score of 55 for Health Outcomes, and 65 for Health Factors. These scores are a clear indicator that health improvement is needed in Okmulgee County, with adult tobacco use, and obesity remaining at higher rates than that of the state.



Partnership Priorities

- Access to Health Care
- Child & Family Abuse/ Violence Prevention
- Emergency Services
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention

Mission Statement

The mission of the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition is to promote and advocate for the wellness of all citizens of Okmulgee County through partnerships and community involvement.

VISION

Diverse groups working together can better identify and influence the determinants of health, and what we as a society do collectively to assure the conditions for people to be healthy.

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Activites

- ◇ Community Garden
- ◇ Container Garden Project
- ◇ Lunch on the Move
- ◇ Back Pack Program
- ◇ Community Baby Shower
- ◇ Farmers Market
- ◇ Circle of Friends Trail System
- ◇ Students Working Against Tobacco activities
- ◇ Policy Assessments

Outcomes/Impacts

- ◇ Passage of 24/7 No Tobacco School Policies
- ◇ Local Clean Indoor Air Ordinances
- ◇ Increased consumption of fruits and vegetables
- ◇ Increased physical activity

Partnerships

Okmulgee County Health Department
 Anne Moroney Youth Services and Shelter
 Okmulgee Memorial Hospital
 Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce
 Okmulgee Fire Department
 Okmulgee Police Department
 Muscogee Creek Nation
 George Nigh Rehab Center
 Okmulgee County Drug Court
 Family and Children’s Court
 CREOKS mental health Center
 City of Okmulgee
 Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
 OSU Extension
 Deep Fork Community Action
 Covington Aircraft
 Henryetta Police Department
 Morris Police Department
 Beggs Police Department
 Oklahoma Juvenile Authority
 Okmulgee Public School
 Beggs Public School
 First Presbyterian Church
 YMCA
 Salvation Army
 Systems of Care
 Methodist Church– Beggs
 Oklahoma Turning Point
 County Judges
 Okmulgee County Emergency Medical Service

FUNDING

- ◇ Communities of Excellence in Tobacco Control, \$180,000
- ◇ Communities of Excellence in Nutrition and Fitness, \$90,000 (continued planning phase)
- ◇ Certified Healthy Community, \$13,000
- ◇ Okmulgee Farmer’s Market SNAP program for seniors \$1500
- ◇ Community Baby Shower, \$10,000 cash and in-kind
- ◇ Back Pack program, \$7,500 cash and in-kind

“A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from... passion not position”.

John Maxwell