



About Us...

The Okfuskee County Partnership Board has been apart of Turning Point since September 2007. The Okfuskee Community supports the partnership in all of its activities. In the past the Okfuskee County Partnership has been awarded the Turning Point Community Champion Award. The coalition had also applied for the FIT KIDS BITE grant, and was award. The Okfuskee County Partnership host many activities over the year. A few activities they have provided over this year are after school programs, Tobacco Prevention SWAT leadership camp, Child Abuse Prevention Day. The Okfuskee Partnership has made huge strides over the past 8-9 months, with starting the MAPP process along with the QI process for Okfuskee County. The MAPP process is Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships. With the assessment that the partnership board has accomplished, it has brought many new faces from the community to the table to work towards creating a healthier Okfuskee County.



The Okfuskee County MAPP partners have finished 3 of the 4 assessments for the MAPP model. Thank you to Okfuskee County citizens for their devotion and community collaboration over the past several months.

Partnership Priorities

Key area's that Okfuskee County Partnership will focus on :

- > Health & Wellness
- > Child Abuse Prevention
- > Community Collaboration-MAPP
- > Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- > Economic Development

Community Profile: Strengths and Challenges

Okfuskee County has proven its strengths over the past few years. The County has surpassed the old and is in with the new. Okfuskee County has focused on the MAPP process for the past 9 months, and has proven to each other that community collaboration is the key to success. Okfuskee County is vary rural, and most towns are at least a 30 minute drive. With hosting the community meeting for the MAPP process, we all were please to see the citizens that participated. Okfuskee County Partnership Board has great support from the communities. A partner with the Okfuskee County Partnership Board is Tri-County Tobacco Prevention. Tri-County is a recipient of the TSET grant in Tobacco Prevention. With this tobacco prevention grant, Tri-county provides numerous activities for school aged youth, local communities and even works to pass local policy's. Okfuskee County faces several challenges, just as you would see in the surrounding counties. Okfuskee County citizens are up against having poor nutrition, diabetes, low income/poverty, teen pregnancy. Most citizens have to travel outside the county for their health care needs, because the county has limited health care. With the county going through the MAPP process we can look for the communities to start focusing on the key issues at hand, and begin a new start to a energetic Okfuskee County.





Okfuskee County Administrator leading the Okfuskee MAPP process through one of their community assessments.

“Community Health Improvement Plan”

Description of Assessments

Okfuskee County Partnership Board has several organizations that do assessments throughout the county. Gateway to Prevention has been targeting substance abuse prevention in the county for a few years, they have worked with the schools to get them to do the OPNA (Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment). With the OPNA data this will let the school superintendents and local community organizations know where Okfuskee County has high rates of Tobacco Use, Alcohol and Other Drugs in the communities. This needs assessment targets 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades. Once the assessments are done this gives each community a driving force to mobilize and build capacity to

address the needs in the county. From here they will develop a plan of prevention to target each community.

Okfuskee County is at the last stage of the MAPP process (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships) before creating their CHIP-Community Health Improvement Plan for the County. The MAPP process is a strategic approach to community health improvement. The MAPP tools will help communities improve health and quality of life through community-wide strategic planning. The MAPP process has four assessments and Okfuskee County has done 3 of the 4 community assessments.

The assessments are:

- ◇ Community Themes and Strengths Assessment
- ◇ Local Public Health System Assessment
- ◇ Community Health Status Assessment
- ◇ Forces of Change Assessment

Okfuskee County citizens are looking forward to creating a healthy community and providing a better quality of life for their families with the outcomes from the MAPP process.

Featured Intervention / Project

Okfuskee County Partnership Board was awarded the BITE grant through Oklahoma FIT KIDS a year ago. With the grant the partnership board focused on Boley, a small rural town in Okfuskee County. The goals of the grant were to: increase the community’s access to safe places to be active and provide organized physical activities for community members, increase the community knowledge about how to cook healthy with fruits and vegetables and provide youth in the Well Springs Summer Program with access to fresh fruits and veggies along with

regular physical activity with the CATCH program. The WellSprings Community Services served as the fiscal agent to provide these activities to the youth. With the grant they accomplished to provide 60 minutes of daily physical activity for the youth and some adults. They held 6 community cooking classes -”Healthy Living A to Z”- taught by the OSU extension educator. Implemented CATCH Kids Club, nutrition and physical activity curriculum provided by the Health Educator. They youth also had a great experience with a local business owner and marathon

runner who taught the youth the basics of running. With this the youth started the “Boley Running Club” which the youth logged 50 miles of running/walking, the youth ran or walked 2-3 miles per day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The youth was also provided with 3-4 daily servings of fresh fruits and vegetables. Since the grant was awarded, WellSprings Community Services are still providing afterschool programs not only for Boley youth but for local youth in surrounding towns also.



Here are some of the wonderful coalition members of the Okfuskee County Turning Point Coalition. A huge Thank You to the members for what you do to make Okfuskee County a Healthier place to live.

Partnership Outcomes

The Tri-County Tobacco Prevention held a Youth Training in March at the Wes Watkins Technology Center. The training had 251 youth attend from Okfuskee, Hughes, McIntosh and also Seminole County. The training held breakout sessions on Tobacco Prevention, Youth Leadership and SWAT-Students Working Against Tobacco and Team Building Skills. The

key note speaker for the day was from the American Cancer Society, Ronnie Trentham. Ronnie spoke to the youth about Tobacco Prevention, and how he once used Tobacco and how he now a 7 time cancer survivor and has battled throat and mouth cancer.

The Okfuskee County Coalition has broadened their coalition by implementing the MAPP process in Okfuskee



County. With the MAPP process they have accomplished 3 huge needs assessments in a short amount of time. The coalition has also accomplished providing after-school activities and access to fresh fruits and vegetables through the Wellsprings Community Service. The coalition also held their annual event for Child Abuse prevention in April. Even with

the down pouring of rain, we had several community members in attendance. The Turning Point Coalition also hosted a Town Hall meeting on Underage Drinking Prevention. The town hall meeting went well with local citizens showing their support against underage drinking and the prevention efforts against others drugs coming in to their communities.



Child Abuse Prevention Day

Funding

- ◇ **Tri-County Tobacco –TSET Grant**
- ◇ ***Purpose: To reduce Tobacco Use among citizens and to educate the public on the dangers of Tobacco in Okfuskee County***
- ◇ ***Funding Period: 2004-2011***
- ◇ ***Funder: Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust***

Impact

The Okfuskee County Partnership Board has had huge success over the past year. Each small community in Okfuskee county ha benefited in some way from the efforts of the partnership board. The partnership board has brought many new resource into the communities that they haven't had before. One of the impacts has been the after school activities provided at the Well-Springs community service in Boley, which serves more than one school. The youth leadership trainings that Tri-County

Tobacco host every year for the local youth from several outlining counties. One of the greatest impacts has been implementing the MAPP process and bringing in several new faces to the community assessments. Each citizens that participated in the in MAPP assessments has brought new ideas to the community coalition and by having the MAPP process implemented it has open new doors for the partnership board. The Partnership Board looks forward to its new endeavors in Okfuskee County.