



## About Us...

Since its inception in 2006, the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition has been an effective forum where community partners gather to discuss matters pertaining to the health of Okmulgee County, and collaborate to engage in strategies to address health needs. The OCWC seeks to improve the health and quality of life for all people who live, work and learn in Okmulgee County. Coalition members represent many sectors of the county, are deeply concerned about health and wellness, and are committed to the purpose of the organization and its goals. The OCWC is an action-oriented and outcomes-driven partnership which implements population based strategies for long-lasting impact on the health and quality of life for all.

The County Health Ranking report for 2014 ranked Okmulgee County as 65th out of 77 for Health Outcomes,

and 61st out of 77 for Health Factors. These scores clearly indicate the challenge ahead for health improvement in Okmulgee County, and underscores the need to bring together the many agencies, organizations and individuals that can play key roles in shaping the future of the health status of Okmulgee County. These changes will not come easily, but through the adoption of wellness policies to encourage healthy behaviors, through sharing of resources, and by supporting health improvement efforts, change will most surely come!



Okmulgee County is located in north-eastern Oklahoma, 36 miles south of Tulsa, and is approximately 702 square miles in size. The city of Okmulgee is the County Seat, which is also the location of the Muscogee Creek Nation tribal headquarters, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, and Green County Technology Center. The county's population includes 66% White, 8.7% Black, 16.6% Native American, 0.4% Asian, and 8.4% Two or more races. 3.6% are of Hispanic ethnicity.



Coalition members celebrate the passage of a Tobacco Free Park Ordinance.

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### Meetings

OCWC– Second Wednesday of each month @7:30 a.m. at OSU-IT Student Union.

Healthy Lifestyles Committee - The Monday preceding the OCWC meeting @ Noon at the Okmulgee County Health Dept.

Substance Abuse & Mental Health (Tobacco)- Fourth Monday of each month @ Noon at CREOKS

### Partnership Priorities

- ◇ Access to Health Care
- ◇ Child and Family Abuse/Violence Prevention
- ◇ Healthy Lifestyles
- ◇ Mental Health
- ◇ Tobacco Use Prevention/Cessation
- ◇ 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.



Bob Seebeck, Coalition Chair, presents Sylvia Bagby a certificate of appreciation for her work on starting the Okmulgee Primary school garden.

## 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.*

## Outcomes/Impacts

### Ordinances & Policies

Tobacco Free City Property Ordinance – Okmulgee  
 Twin Hills Public Schools – 24/7 Tobacco Free Policy, and Wellness Policy  
 Tobacco Free Worksite policies with twenty daycares  
 Stonebridge Academy passed a nutrition policy

### Amends

Beggs, Morris, & Okmulgee Public Schools – Amended policies to include e-cigarettes, and updated Wellness policies

### Formation of SWAT teams

- 1 – Henryetta
- 2- Beggs

### School Gardens Created

Okmulgee Primary School  
 Morris Elementary

### Events

World No Tobacco Day – Quit Kit Giveaway  
 “Helpline Pretzel Blitz” – Okmulgee Baseball Tournament  
 Issued Coalition-authored Resolution against E-Cigarettes  
 Great American Smokeout – Quit Kit Giveaway  
 Red Ribbon Week Essay Contest  
 Hosted Certified Healthy Breakfast  
 Mental Health & Substance Abuse Committee Movie Night  
 Community Pick Up Party  
 Sponsor of OSU IT’s Super Saturday 5k/Fun Run  
 SWAT recorded radio ads  
 SWAT Park cleanup  
 SWAT Put in Cups  
 Walk to School Day  
 Plant a 6 Pack Project– 6500 vegetable plants given to 4th and 5th grade students  
 Communities of Care Event  
 Community Baby Shower

## Partnerships

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

## FUNDING

- ◇ Communities of Excellence Physical Activity and Nutrition– TSET
- ◇ Communities of Excellence Tobacco Control –TSET
- ◇ SNAP for Farmers Market– Dept. of Agriculture
- ◇ Oklahoma Education Foundation
- ◇ East Central Electric
- ◇ Whole Foods
- ◇ Lowe’s
- ◇ Okmulgee Service League
- ◇ Local Foundation