



## About Us...

The Osage County Community Partnership Board (OCCPB) began as one of the Community Coalition Projects of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) in March 2001. The OCCPB partnered with Turning Point in 2008 and a county-wide needs assessment and senior living survey were conducted this past year. The results focused new efforts on fitness and nutrition, drug education and prevention and senior adult living needs.

The OCCPB has worked closely with the Osage Nation since 2004 implementing the Communities of Excellence Tobacco Control Program funded through the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET). This Program is in the second year of their second five year grant cycle and is working with all schools to become tobacco-free.

One area that has proven to be a success this year was the adopting of

Tobacco-Free Policies by area businesses. Collaborative efforts have evolved into the *Make It Your Business For a Strong and Healthy Osage Nation* effort.



Pawhuska's City Council voted unanimously to make city parks smoke free effective August 31, 2011.

A recently build Splash Pad and Skatepark in Pawhuska will be smoke free by August 31, 2011 thanks to a new smoking ordinance passed by the City Council on August 1, 2011. This is in response to

the direct effort of the Communities of Excellence program and director, Gail Boe. Smoking and smokeless tobacco is banned in all city-owned parks and recreational areas and violators of the smoking ban will be charged with a misdemeanor and will be subject to a fine.

In addition, the Osage Nation and OCCPB joined with the Washington County Wellness Initiative, a Turning Point coalition in Bartlesville, to develop a consortium focused on fitness and nutrition. The partnerships have successfully worked together on past projects and have come together to strengthen their efforts toward policy change and collaborative efforts. The newly formed consortium recently completed an application for a CDC Community Transformation Grant that would be used for planning and developing these efforts toward fitness and nutrition.

## Osage County, Oklahoma



## Partnership Priorities

- Tobacco Prevention, SWAT and 24/7 Policies
- Walkable Community-trails and Park development
- Greenhouse Senior Living Project
- Diabetes Education
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse

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**Mission**

The Community Partnership Board members pledge to aggressively promote improved living conditions of children and their families throughout Osage County. We strive to promote positive role modeling, support positive parenting skills, and promote the strengthening skills our children need within a drug-free, safe, and supporting environment. The Community Partnership Board pledges to bring together groups within our community to strengthen our resolve and utilize resources to achieve a drug-free, safe and supporting environment for the children of Osage County.

Partnership Contact: Gary Wilburn, Chair

Meetings are held the 4th Friday of every month

12 noon

Pawhuska Community Center  
118 W. Main Street  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma



**Community Partners**

- Osage Nation
- Pawhuska Literacy Council, Inc
- Boys & Girls Club
- Edwin Fair Community Mental Health
- OSU Extension
- Pawhuska Schools
- Turning Point
- Osage County Health Department
- Pawhuska Ministerial Alliance
- Systems of Care
- Osage County Interlocal Cooperative (OCIC)

**Outcomes**

- Smoke-free parks ordinance passed in Pawhuska, effective 8/31/11
- Back Pack Food Program initiated to ensure school-age children have food on weekends
- OCCPB partnered with Osage Nation Nutritionist to provide diabetes education to school children

