

Partners for Ottawa County Youth

Ottawa County

2009

Coalition Priorities:

1. Parenting/School Attendance
2. Mental Health
3. Recreation/afterschool programs

About Us...

Partners for Ottawa County Youth, also known as POCY, has been addressing several issues with the assistance of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth. One project that POCY has worked on has been an afterschool arts program. The art program took place at the Boys & Girls Club- Miami Unit this summer on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. The Boys & Girls Club received a \$100 art grant for supplies to continue a program in the fall.

In regards to Mental Health, POCY is working on recruitment and retention of mental health workers.

The parenting subcommittee is still offering parenting education classes to both adults and teen parents. In 2009, the group sponsored the first annual Baby Fest in Ottawa County. There were 32 teens and 26 support people that attended the event. The Back to School fair was once again a huge success and the numbers increase every year.

Systems of Care and Wraparound recently teamed up with POCY. Wraparound is serving around 20 families; two families have recently graduated from the program.

POCY is currently trying to begin an after-school program for middle school students in Miami, and looking for resources to begin more substance abuse programs for county youth.

Partners:

Ottawa Co. Health Dept.
Ottawa Co. Boys & Girls Club
Ottawa Co. DHS
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School
School Based Social Workers
OK Federation of Families
Tri-County Wraparound
Dept. of Vocational Rehab
Office of Juvenile Affairs

2M2L
Oklahoma Commission on Children & Youth
NEO College
NRCYS
CPC Coalition
ROCMND APRC
OSU Extension
Systems of Care
Grand Lake Mental Health Care

Key Activities:

- ◆ Ottawa County Fair
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ Lights On for Life
- ◆ Attendance is the Key project
- ◆ Afterschool Programs
- ◆ Look Before You Leap
- ◆ Back to School Fair
- ◆ After Prom Activities
- ◆ Alcohol & Abstinence Awareness
- ◆ 2M2L Camp
- ◆ Cinco de Mayo
- ◆ United Way Activities
- ◆ Baby Fest
- ◆ Parenting Education Classes

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Creation of afterschool arts program
- ◆ # of individuals completing parenting education classes
- ◆ # of children served at Back to School fair

