



About Us...

The roots of Partners for Ottawa County, Inc. (POCI) reach back to early 2000 when a group of individuals representing tribes, churches, agencies and businesses came together in an effort to provide a countywide *Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth* event. The event was a huge success, with over 100 people attending the day's activities and presentations. From this single event came acknowledgement of the necessity for a broad-based, unified group dedicated to identifying and addressing the needs of Ottawa County.

In 2006 POCY voted to become a Turning Point Partnership and a recognized Community Partnership Board under the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY).

With the help of OCCY, The Partners for Ottawa County, Inc. conducted a county-wide needs

assessment in 2007 to identify issues related to area youth. On the basis of this assessment, three task forces were formed, each focusing on different issue, including Parenting, Recreation and Health.



Over the past few years the coalition as successfully implemented two youth intervention programs. Cross Check Connections is an alternative placement for Ottawa County students just before long term suspension. This program meets the challenging needs of youth who are not able to continue through traditional educational services. Haven Home provides shelter for troubled youth in a home setting were

physical, medical and emotional health needs can be immediately assessed and addressed. Haven home thus far has been completely funded by local donations.

This year the coalition is developing a youth running group call Running WILD. The goal of this running group is to target at-risk youth and provide a positive behavior alternative. The running group will include adult mentors and will complete several local 5K runs and end with the completion of the Tulsa Run 12K. The coalition hopes to help provide Running WILD with the capacity to continue the program during each new school semester.

The coalition is also in the first phase of the MAPP process, Organizing for Success. They hope to have a "Kick-Off" event in the fall to complete the "Visioning" phase and will prepare to conduct assessments in the near future.

Contact Information

President: Judge Robert Reavis

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Partnership Priorities

- Parenting Education and Support Services
- Sheltering for Youth-at-Risk
- Recreation/After-School Programs
- School attendance and graduation rates
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Youth mentoring/running program

Mission

To Promote healthy communities in Ottawa County as we assist youth to have positive attitudes and behaviors.

Meets 2nd Thursday of every month

12:00pm

Ottawa County Court Annex Building
Miami, OK

Partnerships

- City of Miami
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe
- Grand Lake Mental Health Center
- INTEGRIS Baptist Regional Health Center
- Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
- Northeastern Tribal Health System
- OASIS Counseling
- Office of Juvenile Affairs
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
- Oklahoma Division of Human Services--Ottawa County
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority
- Oklahoma State University Extension--Ottawa County
- Oklahoma State Department of Health--Turning Point
- Ottawa County Associate District Judge
- Ottawa County Boys & Girls Club
- Ottawa County District Attorney's Office
- Ottawa County Faith-based Community
- Ottawa County Health Department
- Ottawa County School-based Social Workers
- Ottawa County School Districts
- ROCMND Youth Services
- Seneca Cayuga Tribe
- Shawnee Tribe
- Tri-County Wraparound
- Wyandotte Nation
- YouthCare of Oklahoma

Outcomes/Impacts

- Opening of Haven House
- Opening of Cross Check Connections
- Creation of Health Committee

Activities

Abstinence Awareness
Alcohol Awareness
Back-to-School Fair
Parenting Classes & Resources
Running WILD 5k Runs

