



## 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 year, we have been successful in getting two great new programs up and running.

**Cross Check Connection** is an alternative placement for Ottawa County students just before long term suspension. POCI received a SAG

grant for coordinator and Grand Lake Medical Health Center has been a great Partner supplying space and group, individual counseling as well as many other in-kind donations. The goal is to meet the challenging needs of youth who are not able to continue through traditional educational services. Students will participate in education, behavioral management, vocational skill development, and life skills development.

**Haven Home** provides shelter for troubled youth in a home setting. A couple in Ottawa County have become licensed and opened their home to adolescent boys that need behavior management, housing, close supervision and care. Haven Home provides so much more than just a shelter. When a boy enters Haven Home we immediately assess physical, medical and emotional health needs. Haven home thus far has been completely funded by local donations.

### Contact Information

**President: Judge Robert Reavis**

**Vice-President: Ben Loring**

**Secretary: Clarissa Sumpter**

**Treasurer: Donni Long**

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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

## Partnerships

**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**

- 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

## Activities

Abstinence Awareness

After Prom Activities

Alcohol Awareness

POCI Fun Run

Back-to-School Fair

Parenting Classes & Resources

