



About Us . . .

The PATCH (Pottawatomie Alliance Towards Community Health) has been in place since 2004. The PATCH coalition is a community driven partnership that consists of individuals, organizations, agencies, associations and businesses interested in supporting the communities' health efforts in Pottawatomie County.

The PATCH coalition strives to encompass the whole county in providing services to the Pottawatomie residents.

Shawnee is the largest city within the county, all other cities are significantly smaller and are at least a 20 minute drive from the county seat. The PATCH coalition focuses on community collaboration and building strong relationships throughout the county. The coalition has a great vision for the future of Pottawatomie County and its citizens. The coalition continues to look for grants which focuses on poor health indicators that persist in Pottawatomie

County. Pottawatomie County is fairly large county with around 70,000 citizens living here. The County has 13 rural towns. Pottawatomie county is home to, two Christian Universities; Oklahoma Baptist University and St. Gregory's University. These two universities are located on the same street, just a mile away from each other.

The Pottawatomie communities are very receptive when it comes to supporting community events. The PATCH coalition has been lucky to have the acceptance and acknowledgment of the rural towns. The coalition joined forces this year with the City of McLoud. The City of McLoud hosted the 2014 OK FREE WHEEL EVENT June 11th and 12th, where over 500 cyclists toured across the great state of Oklahoma and stayed over night in

McLoud at the City Park. The PATCH coalition volunteered to host the welcome stations just a mile outside of McLoud. The volunteers welcomed and cheered cyclist and handed out cold water as needed. Cyclists from all over the U.S stopped, visited and shared great inspiring personal stories. One shared motivational story came from a 87 years old



man who had ridden this bicycle tour for 29 years; it was a memorable moment for all. The riders voted to give an award to the best "Welcome" award...and McLoud won the "Welcome" award!!! It's a wonderful feeling when a community comes together to plan an event. The coalition members who volunteered will seek other service opportunities to promote health and wellness.

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Partnership Priorities

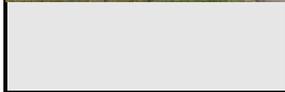
- > Tobacco Prevention
- > Child Health
- > Obesity
- > Community Collaboration & Development
- > Mental Health & Substance Abuse



OKFREE WHEEL



Local SWAT Students participate in Legislative Breakfast



“16 people die every day do to Tobacco related illnesses”

Activities

- Legislative Breakfast
- Community Baby Shower
- Tobacco Retreat
- CATCH Kids Club
- Strategic Planning
- Farmers Market
- Media Campaigns
- 24/7 No Tobacco Events in the Schools
- Reward Reminder Visits
- New Substance Abuse Prevention Team

- Family Fun Fest
- Go Red for Women’s Health
- Back to School Health Fair
- TSET Day at Capitol
- Certified Healthy Forum
- Tobacco Prevention 16 event at the park
- Alcohol Compliance Checks
- Kick Butts Day Events

Outcomes/Impacts

- Make It Your Business Symposium
- Legislative Breakfast
- CATCH Kids Club
- Tobacco Media Campaign with 6 press releases printed
- 24/7 NO TOBACCO Policies passes in 4 Schools
- Community Baby Shower
- 5 New SWAT TEAMS Established
- Raised Community awareness of Underage Drinking issues
- Reward Reminder Visits
- Restoring Local Rights Initiative
- Secondhand Smoke Education
- Legislative Breakfast

Partnerships

- Gateway to Prevention
- Pottawatomie County Health Department
- Department of Human Services
- OSU Extension
- SPFSIG
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Rave Sound
- Sooner SUCCESS
- Absentee Shawnee Tribe
- COCAA
- St. Gregory’s University
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Project Safe/Unzer Center
- OK Healthcare Authority
- Shawnee Youth Coalition
- St. Anthony’s Hospital Shawnee
- Shawnee Public Schools, Maud Public Schools, McLoud Public Schools, Tecumseh Public Schools, Asher Public Schools, Earlsboro Public Schools, Pleasant Grove Public School, Grove Public School, South Rock Creek Public School, North Rock Creek Public School
- Shawnee Housing Authority
- Crossroads Youth and Family Services
- City of Shawnee, City of Mcloud, City of Tecumseh, Town of Maud, Town of Earlsboro, Town of Wanette

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