

Turning Point sets annual forum and council meeting

Oklahoma's Turning Point program, a process to develop state and local partnerships for health improvement, will host its Fourth Annual Forum and Council meeting on Friday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the OU Schusterman Health Sciences Center, 4502 East 41st Street, Tulsa.

Persons from communities throughout the state are invited to attend the forum in an effort to become actively engaged in the public health needs of their local communities. Joining them will be state-level partners who are working to strengthen state and community collaboration to improve the health of Oklahomans.

Items for discussion will include:

- * learning how to maximize the effective use of resources;
- * discovering innovative methods of community education, data collection, and leadership building;
- * engaging technical assistance resources and community participation from public, private and voluntary agencies, businesses, education and faith leaders; and
- identifying community organization goals that complement improved public health outcomes, innovations and funding priorities.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 6, the Tulsa Community Health Foundation and Tulsa Turning Point partnership will host a reception at the Jazz Hall of Fame, Greenwood Cultural Center, 322 N. Greenwood Ave., Tulsa, to unveil the State Board of Health's 2002 State of the State's Health Report.

This will be the sixth year the State Board of Health has presented its annual "report card" on the current status of the state's health.

For information on registering for the forum and/or reception, contact Carol Bush, program chair, Tulsa City-County Health Department, 918 595-4403.