



About Us . . .

The PATCH (Pottawatomie Alliance Toward Community Health) has been in place since 2007. The PATCH coalition is a community driven partnership that consists of individuals, organizations, agencies, associations and businesses interested in supporting the communities throughout Pottawatomie County.

The PATCH coalition strives to encompass the entire county by providing resources to the Pottawatomie residents. Shawnee is the largest city within the county, all other cities are significantly smaller and are at least 20 minutes drive from the county seat. The PATCH coalition focuses on community collaboration and

building strong relationships throughout the county. The coalition has great visions for the future of Pottawatomie County and its citizens. The coalition continues to look for grants that focuses on 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 major private colleges; 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 acknowledgement of the rural towns. The PATCH coalition faces normal challenges just like most coalitions when it comes to creating change in small communities. The PATCH coalition has passed 24/7 Tobacco Free Policies in the rural schools. When it comes to major changes for the small communities there will always be a little difficulty, but with perseverance we have seen them overcome the struggle and strive to better the health and wellbeing for their communities.

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Partnership Priorities

- > Tobacco Prevention & Control
- > Child Health
- > Obesity
- > Community Collaboration & Development
- > Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- > Prescription Drug Misuse/Abuse



SWAT Student



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

Prescription Drug Misuse/Abuse-Lock Boxes; Prevention Education

Partnerships

Gateway to Prevention
 Pottawatomie County Health Department
 Department of Human Services
 OSU Extension
 SPGSIG
 Citizens of Pottawatomie 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
 Unity Health Center
 Shawnee Public Schools
 Shawnee Housing Authority
 Crossroads Youth and Family Services

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◇ TSET-Tobacco Prevention Grant Pottawatomie County

◇ OSDH Maternal and Child Health

◇ OSDH Office of Minority Health

◇ SPIF/SIG Grant

