Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition

Pushmataha County **2014**

About Us . . .

The **Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition** is very dedicated to the health of all Pushmataha County residents. In 1996, the PCTPC was formed as a result of a collaborative effort between community members who came together to address risk behaviors among their youth following a Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted in all county schools. The original purpose for the development of the coalition was to serve as a steering committee and provide community-based input for the County Health Department's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. Since that time, the coalition has adopted many roles toward mobilizing the community in addressing various health issues. The PCTPC presently consists of many community members who work together for a common purpose—to promote and sustain healthy lifestyles throughout the community.

Coalition members represent a variety of sectors in each community, such as, schools, parent groups, heath agencies, youth-serving agencies, community service organizations, youth, media, businesses, faith community, law enforcement, volunteers, and civic groups.

In 2011, the coalition joined forces with two adjacent counties—Choctaw and McCurtain County to form a Consortium to address obesity. The Tri-County Consortium was deemed the Living *with* Energy And Nutrition Team, or LEAN Team for short, to be the descriptive title of their comprehensive CX Nutrition and Fitness Initiative. The Consortium chose the name with the acknowledgement that *a person's weight is largely controlled by the energy balance of nutrition and physical activity*- The collaborative is not a new consortium, but a seasoned one that originated in June 2004. A common concern identified by all groups, was the overwhelming impact that tobacco use had on their health and community. The coalitions formed a Tri-County Consortium to collectively and resourcefully address this issue through the application of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. This consortium identifies this collaborative effort as Project Stop Prevent and Intervene in Tobacco use (SPIT) .

The Consortium was developed as a multi-county approach to address the overwhelming use and abuse of tobacco in rural Oklahoma. The Consortium was funded through the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) to implement a comprehensive tobacco control program in the three county service areas. The Consortium has been very successful and remains funded, fulfilling TSET's expectations as CX Tobacco grantee in their *11th* year of funding.

Complimenting both TSET grants for the last two years has been a Community Transformation Grant through coalition partner Little Dixie Community Action Agency ~ Project CORE. This CDC funded opportunity has propelled in our work in total wellness.

Perhaps the biggest event this coalition hosts annually is their Kick Butts Day Demonstration in late March. This event, which gives local Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) an opportunity to be vocal and get noticed, has become highly anticipated by the public, community partners and coalition members *see picture on page 2.*

The Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition meets the first Thursday of the month at 9am at the Choctaw Nation Community Center in Antlers.

GO PCTPC!

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- ◊ **Prevention *and* Education**
- ◊ **Economic Development**
- ◊ **Healthy Living Initiatives**
- ◊ **Community Collaboration *and* Awareness**
- ◊ **Community *and* Cultural Development**
- ◊ **Infant Mortality**
- ◊ **Access to Health Care**

TSET Day *at the* Capitol

Vision

"To develop and sustain a progressive safe, healthy and fun community."

Mission

"Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition will build partner-ships to achieve a safe, economically viable, and positive community."

Officers

Zen Gee

Chairperson

Angie Smith

Vice Chairperson

Pam Waugh

Secretary

Activities

Outdoor/Indoor Recreation
Tobacco Counter-Marketing
Back Pack Food Program
TSET Day at Capitol
24/7 Tobacco Free Policies
Alcohol Compliance Checks
Prescription Drug Prevention
METH Media Campaign
Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)
Child Abuse Prevention
Substance Abuse Prevention
Support Groups
Community Food Drives
Youth Tobacco Survey
Literacy Trivia Night
Reward Reminder Visits
RBSS Training
1st Baptist Church Free Health Clinic
Kick Butts Day Demonstration
Great American Smoke Out Event

Outcomes/Impacts

Wellness Policies Adopted

Little Darlins' Day Care
Choctaw Nation Child Development Center
Pushmataha County Coalition
Little Dixie HeadStart
Clayton Public Schools
OSU Extension Office

Partnerships

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma ~ Youth Empowerment
Oklahoma State University ~ Cooperative Extension Service
Oklahoma State Department of Human Services
Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Pushmataha County Health Department
Pushmataha County Sheriff Department
Pushmataha Family Medical Center
Community Volunteers
1st Baptist Church
City of Antlers
The L.E.A.N. Team ~ Nutrition and Fitness
IMPACT
Systems *of* Care
Project S.P.I.T. ~Tobacco Prevention and Control
Little Dixie Community Action Agency
TRI County SMART START
McCurtain County Hospital
SOIC/RPC
PUSH for the Arts
Passport Mentoring
Project CORE
Sequel Care of Oklahoma
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
Public School Districts
Providence of OK
Zen Gee Counseling
Literacy Council
CASA
Antlers Library
Pushmataha County Chamber of Commerce
Parents Against Drugs

FUNDING

Project SPIT Consortium Communities *of* Excellence *in* Tobacco Control *and* Prevention

$60,000.00 ~ GY 2014-15

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LEAN Team Consortium Communities of Excellence *in* Nutrition *and* Fitness

$60,000.00 ~ GY 2014-15

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Systems *of* Care
$30,000.00

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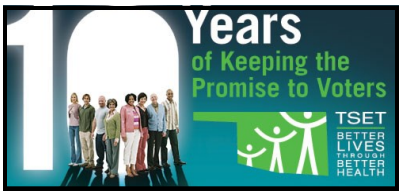
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