



About Us...

Sequoyah Wellness Partnership became a Turning Point partner in 2010, and began promoting healthier living through a network of collaborating agencies and groups. Today, the collaboration continues to meet regularly in an effort to work together using strategies that will make a positive impact on the people of Sequoyah County.

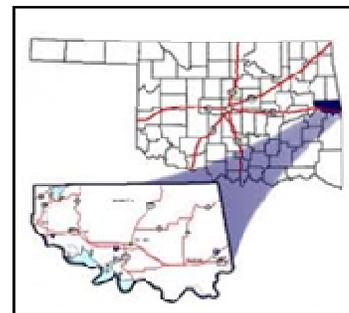
The 2013 County Health Ranking report listed Sequoyah County's Health Outcomes score as 59 out of the 77 Counties, while the Health Factors score was 72. Although these scores place Sequoyah County among the least healthy counties in Oklahoma, it shows an improvement in Health Factors for the County, down from 75 in 2012. However the Health Outcomes rank moved from 56 to 59. This clearly shows the need for continued efforts to improve the health and quality of life for those

who live, work and play in Sequoyah County. Areas of concern include an Adult smoking rate of 30%, Adult obesity rate of 36%, and physical inactivity at 39%. These numbers are markedly higher than the state rates, and significantly higher than the national rates.

The Sequoyah Wellness Partnership has continued its strategies for addressing three priority issues, as clearly indicated by the County Health Ranking report, which also align with those of Oklahoma's Health Improvement plan, including Tobacco, Obesity and children's health.

The Communities of Excellence in Tobacco Control program, funded in conjunction with Muskogee Turning Point, has continued to make progress, with the passage of additional 24/7 Tobacco Free School policies in the County.

Child health is currently being addressed through assistance to schools by advocating and supporting school policies that promote wellness, and through information disseminated through special funding for Infant Mortality. Certified Healthy recipients this year included 2 businesses, 1 Community, and 8 schools. The Sequoyah Wellness Partnership believes that by supporting health through policy and environmental change, we can change our current health conditions.

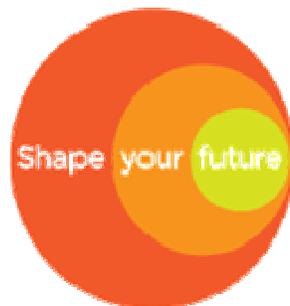


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Partnership Priorities

- Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Tobacco Control

Mission Statement

The mission of the Sequoyah Wellness Partnership Coalition is to engage the community to improve the health of Sequoyah County citizens.

VISION

The long term vision of the Sequoyah Wellness Partnership is to engage communities in improving the health of Sequoyah County citizens by eating better, moving more, and being tobacco free.

**Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.
-Henry Ford**

Activities

- ◇ Monthly articles submitted to each newspaper in Sequoyah County regarding health promotion.
- ◇ Speakers Bureau created to address county groups on health status, culture and policy change.
- ◇ County SWAT Rally
- ◇ Participated in Regional SWAT Leadership training
- ◇ Community Forum with speakers from the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority

Outcomes/Impacts

- ◇ Creation of a Community Garden
- ◇ 24/7 Tobacco Free Schools
- ◇ Clean Indoor Air Ordinances
- ◇ Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Ordinances



SWAT Leadership Training

FUNDING

Communities of Excellence in Tobacco Control



Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

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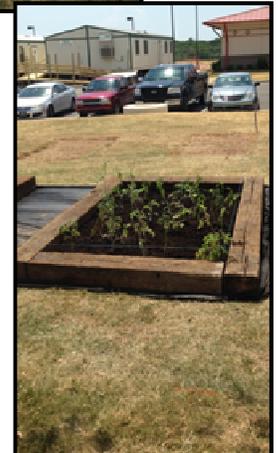
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Partnerships

- ◇ Sequoyah Memorial Hospital
- ◇ Health and Wellness Center
- ◇ Sequoyah County Health Department
- ◇ People, Inc.
- ◇ Cherokee Nation Healthy Nation
- ◇ OSU Extension
- ◇ Sequoyah County Health Department
- ◇ Dr. Trudeau, Ophthalmologist
- ◇ Kibois Community Action
- ◇ NOW Coalition



New Community Garden. Land and materials provided by Cherokee Nation.