At a Glance

The Cherokee Nation Healthy Nation in collaboration with the Health Coalition received a $500,000 grant from the CDC. This grant will allow the coalition to create a wellness program with local businesses, create health and fitness programs, work with local restaurants to display menus with calorie information and generate more health publicity. The Health Coalition in coordination with Bill Willis Mental Health, also received a $99,000 grant for tobacco prevention. The grant will be used to create ordinances for smoke-free public places and worksites, adapt the 24/7 policy for schools and campuses, develop more SWAT teams in local schools, pass local or tribal policies to prohibit tobacco sales to minors, extend the utilization for the OK Tobacco Helpline, and extend local media coverage of health problems of tobacco and deceptive practices of tobacco companies. Six agencies of the Health Coalition received a $500,000 grant from AHRQ to develop a coordinated public health effort. E-records will be developed so that patients who agree will have their e-records shared by area health service providers and pharmacies. Area health agencies will work together at improving specific, selected health indicators. A Webpage will be made available for individuals in the area so they can find health service information.

Key Activities of 2005

- Walk This Weigh/Wings
- Safe Kids Coalition
- Healthy Kids for a Healthy Tomorrow Initiative
- Healthy Women Support Group
- Healthy Worksite, Healthy Restaurant Program
- Radio and Newspaper Health Programs
- Tobacco Coalition

Priorities of the Partnership

- Tobacco
- Health & Fitness
- Safety

Partners

- Bill Willis Mental Health
- Cherokee County Health Department
- Cherokee Nation
- Cherokee Nation Healthy Nation
- Cookson Hills Head Start
- Cookson Hills Methodist Church
- Hastings Hospital
- Hulbert Public Schools
- Keys Public Schools
- Local Business Leaders
- Northeastern Oklahoma Community HC
- Northeastern State University
- OSU Extension
- State Representative
- Tahlequah City Hospital
- Tahlequah Public Schools
- Tenkiller Public Schools

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