

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma – SE Oklahoma
Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board
Established 2003

At a Glance

The Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board represents youth residing in the SE Oklahoma counties identified as the Choctaw Nation service area. Youth members of this advisory board have challenge themselves to engage the Youth of the Choctaw Nation to take responsibility for their health and their future.

It is the belief of the Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board that through community service, mentorship, communication and education, Choctaw Nation Leadership can and will empower future generations to be a healthier and stronger nation. The Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board meets each month, while participating individually at the local level (community) on an on-going basis.

The identified five roles of the Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board member are as follows: Team Player, Role Model, Evaluator, Advisor, and Decision Maker. Each member takes each of these roles seriously and makes a commitment and pledge to honor such positions to the Choctaw Nation Council and their communities. The Advisory Board's vision is to promote healthier Choctaw Youth and feels investing in and utilizing all youth as valuable assets can accomplish this.

Key Activities of 2005

- Adoption of By-Laws
- Mentors Leadership Through Traditions Youth Camp at Jones Academy
- Assisted with Drug Seminar programs
- Assisted with area walks promoting exercise in the communities.
- Project Falummichechi – Mentor education program for 2nd grade youth addressing domestic
- Submit Monthly Newspaper article in the Bishinik entitled “YOUTH of the NATION”, featuring healthy lifestyles issues
- Participate in Choctaw Nation Youth Camps
- Participate in Veteran's Day Presentation in Tuskahoma
- Participate in Health Fairs and Adolescent Conferences
- 3 community fair booths featuring youth related health issues.
- Participate in the Annual Share the Spirit of Christmas
- Contribute to the Choctaw Nation Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Collect donations for the Choctaw Nation kids Christmas Santa Giveaways
- Summer Arts Camps
- Participate in all Community Coalitions on a local level where member is a resident
- Judge essay/poster contest on cancer prevention
- Create and implemented Healthy Lifestyles Video (exercise and nutrition) in Choctaw Nation Headstarts - SPROUTS
- Participated as a role-model in Abstinence Commercial
- Students Working Against Tobacco – SWAT group
- KICK BUTTS Day
- YOUTH Explosion

Priorities of the Partnership

- Improve Communication
- Provide Education Opportunities
- Involve Youth in Community Services
- Promote Healthy Lifestyles

Partners

- Youth Representatives from all areas of the Choctaw Nation service area in SE Oklahoma
- Any community partner (individual/agency/organization) willing to assist youth in reaching their goals
- Members of the Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles TASK Force

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