

Latimer County
Living In Latimer Community Coalition
Established 2004

At a Glance

The Latimer Community Coalition was established in November 2004. This partnership was established through the leadership of two community members who recently served on the SE Regional Mental Health Board. This newly formed group has already been identified by the community as the vehicle to create positive change. In less than a year, this partnership has identified their priority areas, and is currently in the process of developing a strategic plan for 2006. Through community mobilization meetings, establishing by-laws and identifying local leadership; this coalition is well on its way to truly impact the health of Oklahomans and those residing in Latimer County.

Key Activities of 2005

- Infrastructure Development
- Leadership Identified
- Adopted Turning Point Philosophy to address the public health needs of the community
- Meeting Monthly
- Expanding Partnerships
- Identified Characteristics of a Healthy Community Coalition
- Defined Local Public Health System
- Identified partnerships that are not at the table and made plans to invite them to the next meeting.
- Begin the Community development process
- Established charter members of partnership
- Develop and Implement Community Needs Assessment.
- Assess community data
- Identify community priorities
- Walk This Weigh
- Begin Strategic Planning Process
- Developing Brochure
- Float in Christmas Parade
- Currently Pursuing Dollars to through the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund to implement a Tobacco Control program in Latimer County to target special populations

Priorities of the Partnership

- Community Networking
- Families First – Family (Parent) Enrichment
- Youth Development/Education
- Access to Appropriate & Available Health Care
- Economic Development
- Chemical Dependency Prevention

Partners

- Arts Council
- CAMHC
- CASA
- Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles/CORE Capacity/Project CHIILD
- CNHSA
- Community Care Center (Long Term Care)
- Community Leaders & Volunteers
- Department of Human Services
- Eastern State College
- Faith Community
- Families
- KEC

- KEDDO
- Kiamichi Technology Center
- KIBOIS Community Action Agency
- KIBOIS Head Start
- Latimer County Health Department
- Local Business
- Ministerial Alliance
- NASW/DHS Area

- OJA
- Oklahoma Mental Health Planning Council
- Panola School
- SE Branch of NASW
- Wilburton Public Schools
- Youth Services

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