

Pushmataha County
Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition
Established 1996

At a Glance

The Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition (PCTPC) is very dedicated to the health of all Pushmataha County residents. Pushmataha County is located in the far southeast corner of Oklahoma. It has four primary communities of which Antlers is the county seat. 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. It was then entitled the Teen Pregnancy Prevention TASK Force and later the Promoting Assets in Youth—PAYDAY Coalition. 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 towards 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.

Key Activities of 2005

- Expanding partnership.
- Revised Strategic Plan - 2006
- Implement Walk This Weigh Initiative
- Implement the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Grant awarded to the Project S.P.I.T. and conducted a tobacco focus community needs assessment and development strategic plan specifically for the objectives of this program.
- Developed three Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) teams.
- Awarded Safe and Drug Free School Grant for Summer Arts Program
- Awarded Oklahoma Rural Community Foundation Grant for Summer Arts Program
- Awarded contract with the OSDH for a three year - county wide Abstinence Education program
- Awarded Oklahoma Arts Council Award for Summer Arts Camp
- Book traveling Arts Musical Theatre for Feb. 2006 – Muzula
- Raise dollars to fund arts activities
- Hosted and conducted 3rd Annual Summer Arts Camp Program.
- Partnered with county hospital to provide Cessation Class to employs
- Applied for Parks and Recreation Grant to develop trails.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Programs
- Adult/Child Mentor Program – PASSPORT to the Future
- Youth Leadership Opportunities
- SPROUTS video – fitness and nutrition
- Pursuing dollars to develop a local walking trail
- Identified the Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition to serve as the community collaborative for Systems of Care in Pushmataha County.
- Identified the Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition to serve as the community collaborative for Choctaw Nation CORE Capacity Initiative in Pushmataha County.
- Identified the Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition to serve as the community collaborative for SMART START – school readiness Initiative in Pushmataha County.
- Pursuing Skate Park in partnership with the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority in Antlers.
- Offer Cultural Experiences for community youth
- Pursing 501 C-3 status for PUSH for the Arts Council
- Antlers MAIN Street Program
- Pursuing funding for Boys and Girls Club/After School Program

Priorities of the Partnership

- Community Collaboration & Awareness
- Economic Development
- Community & Cultural Development
- Healthy Living Initiatives
- Prevention & Education: Substance Abuse, School Readiness, Healthy Families, Leadership Opportunities, Risky Behaviors for Youth

Partners

- Ameristate Bank
- Antlers American
- Antlers Chamber of Commerce
- Antlers Public School system
- Bearcats Against Drugs
- Chamber of Commerce
- Choctaw Nation CORE Capacity/Project CHILD/Healthy Lifestyles
- Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board
- City Council
- City Manager
- City Police
- Clayton and Finley communities
- Clayton First Baptist Church
- Clayton Public School system
- Community members at large
- Counseling Center of S.E. Oklahoma
- Dept of Human Services
- Dept of Mental Health
- Elected Officials
- Faith Community
- Finley Community Board
- Finley Senior Food Nutrition Center
- First Bank
- First Baptist Church
- Kiamichi Technology Center
- Little Dixie Community Action Agency
- Local Youth
- McDonald's
- Medical Community
- Mental Health Center
- Moyers Public School system
- New Beginnings
- Non-Profit People Service Providers
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service/4-H
- PASSPORT to the Future – Mentor Program
- Project PROMISE
- Project S.P.I.T. Consortium
- PUSH for the Arts
- Pushmataha County Health Department
- Pushmataha County Hospital
- Pushmataha County Schools
- Pushmataha County Sheriff's Department
- Rattan Public School system
- Red River Valley Girls Scouts Rural Youth Advisory Council
- Senior Citizens
- SOSU
- Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust
- Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Board
- Volunteer Fire Departments in Antlers, Moyers, and Rattan

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