

Texas County
Texas County Turning Point Partnership
Established 1998

At a Glance

Texas County Turning Point Partnership, located in the heart of the Oklahoma Panhandle, is a diverse partnership with a desire to give the people of Texas County every opportunity to be healthy, productive citizens. Texas County's partnership was one of the three originally funded partnerships when they received a grant from the W.K. Kellogg and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Since 1998, they have been actively participating in many different projects. One project over the last couple of years that has shown great success is the Children's Health Fair. After holding the first Children's Health Fair, Texas County Turning Point received a thank you from the mother of a child who attended. At the health fair the child received a vision screening that not only showed a need for glasses but also an undiagnosed eye condition. The family was able to quickly get her an appointment with an eye doctor that treated her for the eye condition as well as getting her fitted for glasses before her first day of Kindergarten. After three months the doctor saw no signs of the prior eye condition, attributing it entirely to the early detection and treatment. Texas County Turning Point was honored to know that by sponsoring the Children's Health Fair at least one child is now healthier because of it.

Key Activities of 2005

- Held monthly partnership meetings to review plan, and evaluate partnership initiatives
- Promoted Walk this Weigh to all Texas County businesses and encouraged to apply for Certified Healthy Business Certification
- Received donations for Write Stuff program and distributed school supplies to all Texas County schools-received over \$2,400 in donations
- Held 2nd annual Children's Health Fair-over 200 children attended
- Developed Golden Star Wishes, a program that grants a birthday wish for senior adults who applies and meets program criteria
- Formed a committee to research and seek application for the Federally Qualified Health Center(FQHC) Grant
- Established a partnership with Oklahoma Primary Care Association and Oklahoma State Department of Health Office of Primary Care to assist Texas County with potential application of the FQHC grant
- Partnered with Guymon Public Schools and was awarded a Parent Education Grant
- Participated with the Oklahoma Turning Point Council(OTPC)

Priorities of the Partnership

- Establish a Community Health Center in Texas County
- Annual Children's Health Fair
- Develop separate programs for middle school age girls and boys
- Continue Write Stuff Project
- Continue Golden Star Wishes
- Implement Walk this Weigh in county businesses
- Continue OTPC participation

Partners

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Red Cross• Department of Human Services• Faith Community• Guymon Daily Herald• Guymon Public Schools• KGYN Radio Station | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Citizens• Memorial Hospital of Texas County• Next Step Network• Northwest Domestic Crisis• Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth |
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- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Oklahoma Panhandle State University
- OSDH Turning Point Staff
- OSU Extension
- Texas County EMS
- Texas County Fire Department
- Texas County Health Department
- Texas County School Systems

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