



Believer's In Boswell Community Coalition

Choctaw County



Coalition Priorities:

- ◆ Partnerships with Community and County Organizations
- ◆ The Boswell Youth Center
- ◆ Youth and Adult Education and Development
- ◆ Community Healthy Living Initiatives
- ◆ Community Development

About Us...

The Believers in Boswell Community Coalition, Inc. (BIB) was established in September, 2004 and has continued to flourish since that time. During the past year, BIB revised their constitution and by-laws in order to meet the criteria for foundation grants; received their tax free status with obtaining a 501 (C) (3). A new assessment of the community was performed and needs recognized; and the 2007 Strategic Plan was written which included our mission – “Working Together for a Greater Boswell.” The goals of the strategic plan go hand in hand with the coalition partnership’s objectives and needs of the community. A major goal, of providing a safe environment for the youth in the Boswell area, is in its final states of planning. The Boswell Youth Center will be a place where students can fellowship with one another, to learn, to grow, and to develop pride in their selves and in their community. BIB feels that the Youth Center will help improve academics and school performances; decrease youth crime, sexual activity and drug abuse; and support dreams and build self-esteem. Also, BIB is working a Plana4College Program that will provide educational information to parents wanting to help their children obtain college material and adults wanting to further their education. In March, Believers in Boswell received an award from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for “Outstanding Community Support.”

Partners:

Boswell Public School, Boswell Ministerial Alliance, Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles, Core Capacity, Project Child, Boswell City Council, Choctaw & Pushmataha County Health Departments, Project S.P.I.T., Project Promise, Choctaw County Times, Hugo Daily News, Durant Daily Democrat, OSU Extension, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma Department of Parks and Recreation, FCCLA, Boswell FFA, KEDDO, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Boswell Masonic Lodge, Choctaw County Commissioner Dist. #1, Smart Start, Boswell Rodeo Association, Boswell Homecoming Committee, 2M2L, Choctaw Nation Healthy Marriage/Healthy Kids, Boswell VFW, Boswell Boy Scouts, Boswell Girl Scouts, Boswell Volunteer Fire Department, Boswell Public Library, Choctaw County Coalition, Department of Human Services, Jackson Family Foundation, Little Dixie Community Action Agency, and Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board.

Key Activities:

3rd Annual Summer Arts Camp - Choctaw Nation Youth Explosion
 Hosted 4th Annual Talent Show - Cardiovascular Disease Prevention
 Drinking and Driving Prevention – “I Died, Who’s Next”
 3rd Annual Fall Festival Family Fun Night
 2nd Annual Fall Festival King/Queen – Prince/Princess Contest
 Parent, Youth, and Family Character Education
 Tobacco Control Program (Project S.P.I.T.)
 Mentoring Program against domestic violence - Project Falvmmichi
 Expand membership - Hosted Fund Raisers
 2007 Strategic Plan Developed
 Substance Abuse Prevention – March Against Meth
 School/Community Health Promotion Programs
 Community Clean Up and Beautification
 Oklahoma Trash Off ~ Adopt-A-Spot
 Plan4College Center
 Donation of 2 new computers from Little Dixie Community Action Agency
 Donation of 4 used computer from Department of Human Services
 Donation of 3 used computer from individual, Ish Webb.
 Received “Outstanding Community Support” Award from Fresh Paint Day at Boswell Park, had over 20 volunteers

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Received donation of two lots for Boswell Youth Center
- ◆ Purchased four lots for extra space for Boswell Youth Center
- ◆ Final planning states of Boswell Youth Center
- ◆ Received tax free status with 501 (C) (3)
- ◆ Expanded partnerships and recruited new members
- ◆ Received “Fresh Paint Day” Grant of \$75 and 20 gallons of paint for Boswell Park
- ◆ Received \$22,500 for a Lighting Efficient Grant from Oklahoma Department of Commerce and another \$21,900 in matching funds for the Boswell Park.
- ◆ Awarded Turning Point/WIC Grant to implement summer arts camp for youth.
- ◆ First Annual Health Expo held in Boswell
- ◆ Working with Boswell Public Library on a Plan4College Cent
- ◆ Sponsored Boswell’s Oklahoma Centennial Celebration

