

Bryan County Turning Point Coalition

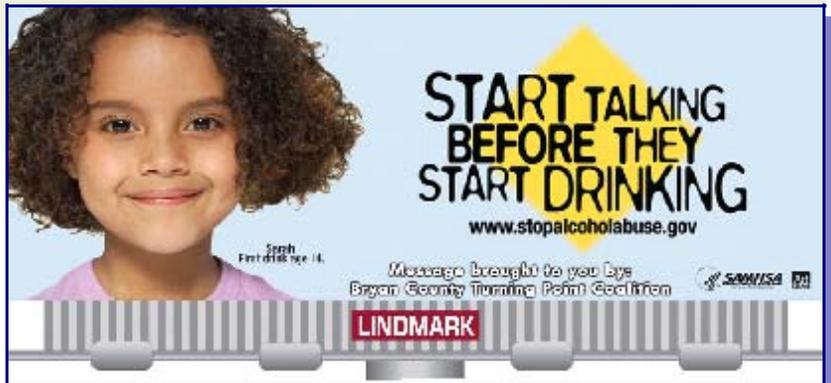
Bryan County
2007

Coalition Priorities:

- ~ **Healthy Lifestyles**
- ~ **Safe and Drug Free Community**
- ~ **Community Collaboration & Awareness**
- ~ **Youth/Family Development and Education**

About Us...

The Bryan County Turning Point Coalition became a Turning Point partnership in 2002. This partnership has primarily focused on adolescent development and education but has recently identified additional health priorities such as nutrition, diabetes, cardio vascular disease, obesity, sedentary lifestyles and tobacco prevention. Over the past year, this coalition has developed new relationships; expanding the coalition's membership and representation of the community. This partnership believes in the Turning Point philosophy that only through a community-based, decision-making process where community citizens taps into their own resources, strengths, and visions is when we can effectively promote positive and sustainable changes in the public's health and the public health system.



Partners:

Durant Public Schools, Bryan Co. Health Dept., Bryan Co. Community Council, Choctaw Nation: Healthy Lifestyles Community Health Programs/ Health Services, Durant Chamber of Commerce, Durant Kiwanis Club Durant Lions Club, Bryan Co. OSU Extension Svcs., Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma, City of Durant -, Parks & Recreation Department Southeast Oklahoma Division on Aging (SODA), SMART START Radio Stations – KLBCFM, Big Five C.A.A., Media - Durant Daily Democrat Victory Life Academy, Youth Services of Bryan County, SOSU Continuing Education, Retired Appellate Court Judge, Okla. Dept. of Human Services Legislators, Crisis Pregnancy Center, County Commissioners, Durant Main Street, Counseling Cnt. of S.E. Okla., Law Enforcement

Key Activities:

- ~ The 2nd Annual Turning Point Chili Challenge
- ~ Pandemic Influenza Community Planning Meeting
- ~ Hidden Treasures Summer Camp
- ~ Teen Pregnancy Prevention Activities
- ~ Fit and Healthy Schools Committee Training
- ~ Alcohol Enforcement Activities w/ Durant Police Dept.
- ~ Youth Leadership/Development
- ~ Under Age Alcohol Use Prevention Training
- ~ Male Health Involvement Initiatives
- ~ Health Promotion Activities
- ~ Summer Youth Fitness Camp
- ~ Drug Free Community Grant
- ~ Conducted Coalition Self Assessment
- ~ Adolescent Health Conference Planning
- ~ Parent Education Workshops
- ~ Media Campaigns on Positive Health Promotion
- ~ Environmental Strategies for Prevention
- ~ Violence Prevention



2nd Annual Turning Point Chili Challenge ~ 2007

Significant Outcomes:

BRICK BY BRICK - Having laid the foundation, the Bryan County Turning Point Coalition continues to build a strategic prevention framework to impact the overall health of the county. The Healthy Lifestyles committee is anticipating a favorable response from the Starkey Foundation in funding an individual to facilitate changes in individual and community behavior to improve fitness, nutrition, and healthy living. The Safe and Drug Free Committee received notification on two grant awards. The first a partnership grant with Marshall County Turning Point with funding coming through the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. This \$75,000 grant will provide funding to plan and implement tobacco prevention in Bryan and Marshall Counties. Additional funding of \$20,000 per year for five years, was secured through the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to provide additional resources to the Durant Public Schools' substance abuse prevention programs. Borrowing a quote from Marian Wright Edelman: "You really can change the world if you care enough.", the Bryan County Turning Point Coalition is building a strategic prevention framework, brick by brick, moving a good place to live to the best place to live.