

Choctaw County Coalition

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2007

Coalition Priorities:

- ~ **Comprehensive Health**
- ~ **Community Beautification/Economic Development**
- ~ **Recreation**
- ~ **Collaboration & Networking**
- ~ **Youth and Family Enrichment & Education**

About Us...

The original Choctaw County Coalition was established in 1996, to provide input for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program implemented by the local county health department. This group of individuals was very active throughout the community in addressing the high teen pregnancy rates in Choctaw County. But due to lack of funding this program was no longer provided and as a result dissolved the Choctaw County (Teen Pregnancy Prevention) Coalition in 2000. In 2002, the community coalition was reengaged through a Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant awarded to the Hugo Public Schools. The role of the coalition was to provide guidance for implementation of the grant's overall strategies, and the task force action plans. The coalition has provided the necessary leadership to mobilize the community around the issue of preventing violence and related problems within the community. Within this framework, committees were formed to address specific issues, which correspond to objectives adopted for the project. In addition to this role, in January, 2003 the coalition expanded their primary focus of violence prevention into other community health concerns, such as sedentary lifestyles, community beautification, the arts and youth education.

Partners:

Believers In Boswell, Choctaw County Arts Council, Choctaw County, Health Department, Choctaw County Hospital
Choctaw Nation, CORE Capacity, Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles
Choctaw Nation Marriage Initiative, Citizens for Litter-Free Choctaw County, City of Hugo, Youth, Counseling Cnt. of SE Ok, Dept. of Human Services, First Baptist Church, Hugo Boys and Girls Club
Hugo Chamber of Commerce, Hugo Daily News, K95.5/ KDOE, Hugo Public Schools, SOSU, Hugo Walking Trails Comm., Hugo Skateboard Park Com., Idabel Area Prevention, Resource Center
Kiamichi Technology Center, Kiamichi Opportunities, Lane Frost Research Cnt., Little Dixie C.A.A., Male Involvement Program
Men United ~ Jessie Brown, OSU Extension, Passport Mentor Program
Private Business, Project SPIT, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Security 1st National, Banc 1st, Smart Start, Systems of Care, Volunteers
Youth Summer Fitness Camp

Key Activities:

- Community Involvement/Strategic Planning
- School Policy Development/Adoption
- Boys/Girls Club/Mentor Program Development
- Walking Trails/ City Park Restoration
- Skate Park Development/Summer Fitness Camp
- Wrap Around Case Management
- School Curriculum Implementation on:
Abstinence Education, Tobacco Prevention,
Domestic Violence and Bullying
- Project S.P.I.T. Consortium ~
Tobacco Control Activities & Cessation
- Community Awareness Booths—Health Promo



**Lighted
Community
Walking Trail
In Hugo ~
Asphalt
implementation
phase completed**



Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Completion of Skate Park/Grand Opening Promoting Good Nutrition/Active Play (WIC Grant)
- ◆ City Parks smoke free ordinances passed
- ◆ Boys/Girls Club/Mentor program Development
- ◆ Park Restoration
- ◆ Received Expansion dollars for Systems of Care Contract
- ◆ Involving high school and middle school students in CN Youth Advisory Board, 2M2L and SWAT clubs
- ◆ Community Involvement recruitment and strategic planning process
- ◆ Waiting for IRS ruling on 501 © 3 status
- ◆ Hugo Walking Trail
- ◆ Summer Fitness Camp Completion
- ◆ Hosted 3rd Summer Youth Fitness Camp on Health and Nutrition