

# McCurtain County ~ Coalition For Change

McCurtain County  
2007

## Coalition Priorities:

- ◆ **Collaboration**
- ◆ **Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention**
- ◆ **Youth & Family Education/Development**
- ◆ **Healthy Living**
- ◆ **Minority Health**

## About Us...

The vision for the McCurtain County Coalition For Change is to have a safe and healthy community. The original coalition was developed in 1991, called the McCurtain County Partnership. Later it was named the McCurtain County Coalition. In March 1999, it was renamed the McCurtain County Coalition for Change. Membership has grown to 60 members countywide. The logo for the coalition was developed through a student art contest in which the winner received \$100, donated by a coalition member. Today the Coalition For Change has matured with many successful programs and on-going community projects. In the past, this partnership's primary focus has been to work together to reduce alcohol and other drug problems through coordinated and committed community prevention efforts. However, current activities are expanding partnerships in an effort to address all health related and community concerns that impact citizen's quality of life.

## Partners:

Community Volunteers ~ City of Idabel  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma -  
Healthy Marriage/Kids Initiative  
Healthy Lifestyles/CORE Capacity/ Cares Program  
McCurtain County Inter Local Cooperative  
McCurtain County Area Prevention Resource Center  
McCurtain County Health Dept ~ Project READY  
Systems of Care  
Project S.P.I.T.  
Okla. State Department of Health Turning Point staff  
Okla. State University Cooperative Extension Service  
Oklahoma State Department of Human Services  
Little Dixie C.A.A.  
Bright Beginnings  
Idabel Hsg. Authority  
15 ~ County School Districts  
MART START  
McCurtain County Hospital  
Hand to Hand  
Idabel Minority Action Committee (IMAC)  
Ministerial Alliance  
McCurtain County Sheriff Dept.  
Kiamichi Youth Services  
Local Media  
Carl Albert Mental Health  
OPAT ~ Carl Albert Child Trauma  
YCAP  
Counseling Center

## Key Activities:

Strengthen coalition capacity (Turning Point Philosophy)  
Expanding partnerships ~ Health Promotion Activities  
After school programs ~ Student mentor programs  
Summer Programs for Youth ~ Outdoor/Indoor recreation  
Community Walks ~ Youth/Family Media Campaign  
Tobacco Ad Surveys ~ Providing Alcohol  
Youth drug free clubs ~ Alcohol Compliance Checks  
Tobacco/Drug Educational Programs  
Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)  
Community Clean Up ~ Recycling  
Community Food Drives ~ Bicycle Safety  
Skits (Role Play) performances ~ Tobacco Cessation Classes  
Underage Drinking Prevention Activities



## Significant Outcomes:

- Ⓞ THE ADDITION OF THE METH INITIATIVE
- Ⓞ TAKE OUT *WORKING WITH PROJECT UNDER 21*
- Ⓞ AWARDED DRUG FREE COMMUNITY GRANT
- Ⓞ ADOLESCENT HEALTH CONFERENCE HUGE SUCCESS
- Ⓞ IMPLEMENTED UNDERAGE DRINKING MEDIA CAMPAIGN
- Ⓞ AWARDED EXPANSION FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CONTROL
- Ⓞ HOSTED TOWN HALL MEETING ON UNDERAGE DRINKING
- Ⓞ THE ADDITION OF 2M2L GROUPS
- Ⓞ AWARDED FUNDING FOR CITY PARK EXERCISE EQUIP AWINING
- Ⓞ AWARDED SYSTEMS OF CARE CONTRACT
- Ⓞ CONDUCTED COALITION SELF ASSESSMENT
- Ⓞ AWARDED MALE HEALTH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM