

# Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition

## Okmulgee County

### Coalition Priorities:

1. Substance Abuse Prevention
2. Child and Family Abuse Prevention
3. Obesity Prevention
4. Access to Health Care
5. Emergency Service Improvement

### About Us...

The Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition was started in 2006 by a small group of individuals interested in improving the health and well being of citizens of their area. In a short amount of time they have established a large, active, diverse membership.

The coalition has already had major impacts on local health issues such as emergency services and the 911 system. They were made aware of the problems with emergency services and the need for community involvement and mobilization around the issue. They worked quickly to pull together community agencies and organizations needed to address the problem and got to work. They then educated and mobilized the community and local governments are now taking steps to improve the system.

The group is also working on obesity and physical activity through an active committee. They have sponsored a community walk and are now completing school health assessments and serving as a resource to county schools.

They are addressing substance abuse and treatment within sub-committee work as well. They were awarded a Tobacco Control Grant for Okmulgee County and we expect to see increased effort in that area very soon.

Though this is a young coalition they are already impacting the health of the citizens of their community and will continue to address the problems effecting Okmulgee County.

### Partners:

Okmulgee Memorial Hospital  
Okmulgee County Health Department  
YMCA  
City of Okmulgee  
City of Henryetta  
OSU-Okmulgee  
Creek Nation  
Area Prevention Resource Center  
Elected Officials  
Deep Fork Community Action  
Youth Services  
Okmulgee County Consortium  
County Schools  
Okmulgee Family Resource Coalition  
EMS  
George Nigh Rehabilitation Center  
OSU Extension

### Key Activities:

- Community Mobilization & Education
- Community Needs Assessment
- ATOD Prevention Activities
- Obesity Prevention Efforts
- Emergency Services Initiative
- Tobacco Control Grant Application
- Gang Prevention Activities
- School health assessments
- Community Activist Recognition

### Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Community Mobilization around Emergency Services
- ◆ Gang Forum and Community Education Initiative
- ◆ Community Walk This Weigh Event
- ◆ Tobacco Control Grant Award
- ◆ Coalition Infrastructure and Leadership Developed
- ◆ School Health Assessments Completed
- ◆ "Welly" Awards given to community health advocates
- ◆ Developed partnerships within community



"WELLY" AWARD WINNERS  
Sixkiller Drug operation