

Partners for Ottawa County Youth

Ottawa County

Coalition Priorities:

1. Parenting/School Attendance
2. Mental Health/School Nurses
3. Recreation/afterschool programs

About Us...

Partners for Ottawa Youth became a Turning Point partner on January 11, 2007. They became a 501 (c) 3 in February 2007.

Ottawa County was affected severely by the June Oklahoma Floods. They qualified and were able to provide Camp Noah in July 2007. Camp Noah is for youth in grade kindergarten through sixth grade that have been in floods, and the program is faith based.

In August of 2007, POCY participated in the Back to School Health Fair. Booths provided lead testing, immunizations, dental, vision, hearing and safety awareness as well as free school supplies.

The parenting subcommittee started their attendance project. The project is called Attendance is the Key that includes the incentive of T-shirts and a detailed truck with stylish wheels, tinted windows and a lowering kit. The parenting subcommittee started parenting classes for referrals from the court and the classes are held at the court house.

The recreation subcommittee started the afterschool program at Alexander Elementary School. It still continues to need volunteers. The mental health subcommittee is working to provide more school nurses in the public schools.

The CPC group of POCY created PSAs on underage drinking for the movie theatre and the radio. The PSA is played before each movie.

Partners:

ROCHMND APRC
Ottawa County Health Department
Ottawa County Boys & Girls Club
Ottawa County DHS
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School
Commerce High School
Quapaw Tribal substance Abuse
OCCY
CPC
2M2L

Key Activities:

- Ottawa County Fair
- Red Ribbon Week
- Lights for Life
- Town Hall Meetings on teenage pregnancy & underage drinking
- 2M2L Camp (s)
- Camp Noah
- Attendance is the Key project
- Afterschool Programs

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Improvement in attendance at school due to the Attendance is the Key Project
- ◆ Received Turning Point/WIC grant funding healthy snacks and education at the Ottawa County Boys & Girls Club
- ◆ Underage Drinking Prevention PSAs played on radio and in the movie theatre
- ◆ Afterschool program at Alexander Elementary
- ◆ 542 students attended Back to School Health Fair

