

Woods County Coalition

Woods County

Coalition Priorities:

1. Underage drinking
2. Healthy lifestyles

About Us...

Woods County Coalition is a new and developing coalition located in Alva. Alva is the home of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and has some of the same health concerns as other college towns, including underage drinking. The coalition is currently working with the Alva City Council to consider passing a “social host” ordinance. In addition to underage drinking, the coalition is also focusing on healthy lifestyles from children through adult. A community assessment has been developed and distributed to the community. A school survey is also going to be administered soon. When these are returned, the coalition will evaluate the best way to address healthy lifestyles in their community. One available option, that has been discussed and successful in many other communities, is the development of a Walk this Weigh initiative. This coalition has much promise and are looking forward to seeing what the future holds.

Partners:

Share Medical Center	City of Alva
	ODMHSAS
Department of Human Services	OSDH Turning Point Staff
Faith Community	Woods County Health Department
Alva Public School	
Local Citizens	Alva Police Department
Northwest APRC	Woods Co. OSU Extension

Key Activities:

- Held monthly partnership meetings to address partnership initiatives
- Encouraged businesses to apply for Certified Healthy Business Certification
- Attended Alva City Council meeting
- Promoted coalition with a booth at the Woods County Fair

Significant Outcomes:

- Created strategic plan
- Developed and distributed community survey
- Informed Alva City Council on “social host” ordinance

