

# Blaine County Community Health Action Team

Blaine County

2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drug Prevention
2. Resources for Disadvantaged Children
3. Positive Youth Development

## About Us...

Blaine Co Community Health Action Team (BCCHAT) was originally developed as a Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, to address child welfare and substance abuse in the county. Due to awareness of needs within the county, the Task Force expanded to include the general, cultural and emotional welfare of the children and youth and community health. In 2002, The Task Force was designated a Turning Point Initiative and a Partner with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and renamed Blaine County Community Health Action Team. Partnership correspondingly expanded, including parents, schools, DHS, YWCA, community leaders, elected officials, county health dept, ministers, business community, youth, civic groups and Indian Health Services. In 2004, the needs of youth disabilities began to be addressed via a partnership with Sooner-Success and soon after partnered with Great Plains System of Care to begin helping children, youth and families function better at home, in school, in the community and throughout life. Additional partnerships include the SPIT IT OUT initiative which is a special population project funded by TSET and operated by Rural Health Projects, Inc. Blaine and Kingfisher counties partnered and awarded the Communities of Excellence grant that is also funded by TSET. The Kingfisher Health Dept serves as this projects fiscal agent while the Turning Point coalitions in each county serve as the community partnerships.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Year two Communities of Excellence grant through the TSET was awarded.
- ◆ Social Host ordinance passed in City of Watonga
- ◆ Two evidence based initiatives working to prevent initiation and reduce tobacco use, Project Spit It Out and Communities of Excellence; both funded by TSET.
- ◆ Youth educated on the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices.
- ◆ Wrap Around services offered to high risk families through Systems of Care
- ◆ Engaged community coalition meeting on a regular basis with a plan to improve the health and well being of their residents.

## Partners:

Blaine Co Commissioners  
Rural Health Projects, Inc.  
Blaine Kingfisher Tobacco  
Education Collaborative  
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes  
CASA  
Sooner Start  
Watonga Eagle Academy  
Watonga Main Street  
Watonga Chamber  
Prevention Workz  
Youth Care of Watonga  
Red Rock APRC  
Watonga Ministerial Alliance  
Watonga Public Schools  
Watonga Lions  
Youth & Family Services  
Great Plains Sys. of Care  
OCCY

Blaine Co Health Dept  
Blaine Co. OSU Extension  
Blaine Co. Sheriff's Office  
Canton Public Schools  
Chisholm Trail Tech Center  
City of Watonga  
Diamondback Correctional Facility  
Geary Public Schools  
Office of Juvenile Affairs  
Okeene Public Schools  
Opportunities, Inc.  
Sooner SUCCESS  
Blaine County DHS  
Blaine Co DA's Office  
Watonga Police Department  
Watonga Republican  
Watonga Indian Health Serv  
Watonga Kiwanis

## Key Activities:

- Girl Power / Wise Guys
- Lunch and Learn on Insure Oklahoma
- Partnered w/ Kingfisher Co to apply for the TSET grant
- Promotion of the Make It Your Business campaign
- Sponsored a Rec Center team in the 2007 Blaine County Relay for Life
- 5th Annual Youth Listening Luncheon
- Sustained operation as an Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth Partnership Board, and as an Oklahoma Turning Point Partnership
- Co-sponsored a Parent Resource Fair w/ Sooner Success
- Participated in the Tri-County Youth Conference
- 8th Grade Health Fair
- Recreation Center clean up
- Sooner SUCCESS Autism Workshop
- Implemented Risk Watch, a comprehensive injury prevention program, in county schools

