

Carter County Turning Point Coalition

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2008

Coalition Priorities:

1. Community Health
2. Infrastructure Development
3. Parenting Skills/Education
5. Violence Prevention
6. Youth Health & Development
7. Tobacco Prevention

About Us...

The Carter County Turning Point Coalition began in 1998. Early partners included public and private partners such as local law enforcement officials, hospital leadership, education representatives, concerned citizens and local business owners. The group prioritized community problems such as drug and tobacco usage along with limited outdoor exercise trails and the high rate of teen pregnancy.

The Coalition was awarded one of the first wave of Communities of Excellence grants through TSET. With this funding opportunity, the coalition focused much attention on tobacco use prevention and have made great strides in that area.

In the Spring of 2008 the Carter County Turning Point Coalition revitalized it's membership by hosting a Community Forum that engaged participants to identify community health and social issues that impact individuals quality of life. The Forum was very well attended and served many purposes. It enhanced collaboration among current members, it identified new community stakeholders and provided a process for everyone's voice to be heard. A facilitator guided a process that identify the coalition's priority issues and provided a setting for discussion to get input and ideas for implementation of efforts to improve the status of each priority area. In the months following the Summit, the coalition has adopted by-laws, developed working committees for each of the seven identified priority areas and completed the development of a strategic plan for implementing the programs/activities to address each priority.

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Receive Grant from Wichita Mountain Prevention Network for Coalition Infrastructure Re-Development and Strategic Planning
- ◆ Hosted Turning Point Forum for community input and participation in Strategic Plan development
- ◆ Increased and Enhanced coalition membership and participation in coalition activities and programs
- ◆ Developed Strategic Plan, By-Laws and Standing Committees to address each priority area and implementing action plans.
- ◆ Developed a structure for the coalition that is functional and efficient.

Partners:

Business	Public Schools
Industry	Civic Organizations
Media	Volunteers
Health Care Professionals	Youth/Parents
Non-Profit Agencies	Tobacco Prevention Programs
Hospital	Substance Abuse Programs
Public Health Professionals	Tribal Partners
Faith Based Community	City Government
Homeless Facility Staff	Children Shelter
Foundations	Youth Services
Law Enforcement	Area Prev. Resource Center
Elected Officials	Abstinence Education Programs
Social Services Agencies	CASA
Higher Education Institutes	Medical Professionals

Key Activities:

- Coalition Infrastructure Development
- By-law Development
- Strategic Planning
- Committee Development
- Tobacco Prevention and Control
- SWAT Activities
- Cessation Classes
- METH Prevention
- Substance Abuse Conference
- Health Equities/Disparities
- Minority Health
- Abstinence Education
- Underage Drinking Initiatives
- Resource Manual(s) Development
- Parent Education Workshops
- Crystal Darkness Campaign
- Health Education
- Back to School Bash
- Social Host Law
- Youth Speak Out



←The Healdton High School Student Council members presented to their School Board to make their campus 24/7 Tobacco Free.

REWARD/REMINDER VISIT →
Debbie Preston owns a convenience store in Dickson across from the school. She refuses to put up any tobacco ads and keeps the products below counter height behind the counter!

