

Choctaw County Coalition

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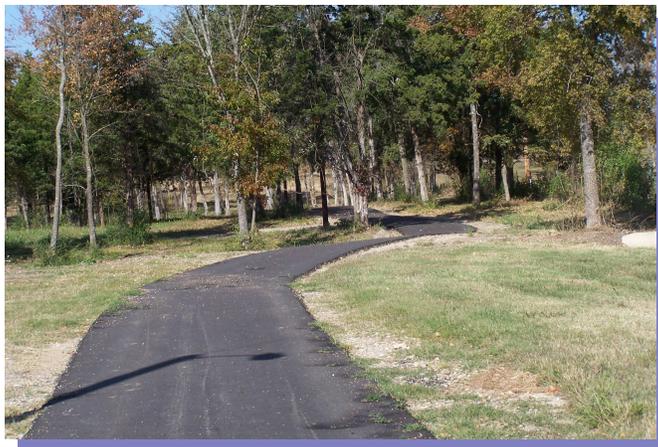
Coalition Priorities:

- ~ **Comprehensive Health**
- ~ **Community Beautification/Economic Development**
- ~ **Recreation**
- ~ **Collaboration & Networking**
- ~ **Youth and Family Enrichment & Education**

About Us...

The original Choctaw County Coalition was established in 1996, to provide input for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program implemented by the local county health department. This group of individuals was very active throughout the community in addressing the high teen pregnancy rates in Choctaw County. Since it's development, the coalition has expanded it's priority focus from adolescent health issues to include comprehensive health and wellness, community beautification/economic development, recreation, collaboration and networking, youth and family enrichment and education. The role of the coalition provides guidance for implementation of multiple prevention and intervention grant's and coalition action plans. The coalition has provided the necessary leadership to mobilize the community around important issues that have been identified by the community members it serves. Within this coalition's Turning Point framework, committees continuously work to address specific issues, which correspond to objectives adopted by the partnership.

"Elephant Walk" Trail



Partners:

Believers In Boswell, Choctaw County Arts Council, Choctaw County, Health Department, Choctaw County Hospital, Choctaw Nation, CORE Capacity, Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles, Choctaw Nation Marriage Initiative, Citizens for Litter-Free Choctaw County, City of Hugo, Youth, Counseling Cnt. of SE Ok, Dept. of Human Services, First Baptist Church, Hugo Boys and Girls Club, Hugo Chamber of Commerce, Hugo Daily News, K95.5/ KDOE, Hugo Public Schools, SOSU, Hugo Walking Trails Comm., Hugo Skateboard Park Com., Idabel Area Prevention, Resource Center, SOIC, IRIS Garden Club, Endangered Ark Foundation, OCCY, Kiamichi Technology Center, Kiamichi Opportunities, Lane, Little Dixie C.A.A., Male Involvement Program, OSU Extension, Passport Mentor Program, Private Business, Project SPIT, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Banc First, SMART START, Systems of Care, Security 1st National Bank, First United, SE Oklahoma Traffic Safety Coalition, K95.5 Ft. Towson Public Schools, PSO, Women's Action League, Volunteers

Key Activities:

- ◆ Community Involvement/Strategic Planning
- ◆ School Policy Development/Adoption
- ◆ Boys/Girls Club/Mentor Program Development
- ◆ Walking Trails/ City Park Restoration
- ◆ Skate Park Development ◆ Adolescent Health Conf.
- ◆ Systems of Care—Wrap Around Case Management
- ◆ School Curriculum Implementation on:
- ◆ Abstinence Education, Tobacco Prevention,
- ◆ Domestic Violence and Bullying
- ◆ Community Trash Off/Beautification
- ◆ Project S.P.I.T. Consortium ~Tobacco Control Activities & Cessation
- ◆ Community Awareness Booths—Health Promo
- ◆ Social Host Law Promotion
- ◆ 2M2L—Underage Drinking Prevention
- ◆ DUI Campaign ◆ Child Abuse Prevention
- ◆ Balloons Over Hugo
- ◆ Underage Drinking Youth Survey
- ◆ Underage Drinking Town Hall Meeting
- ◆ Walk This Weigh ◆ Golf Scramble Fund Raiser
- ◆ Application for Drug Free Community Grant
- ◆ Literacy Education ◆ Park Clean Up Work Day
- ◆ Sedentary Lifestyle Prevention Initiatives
- ◆ Traffic Safety Events ◆ Prom After Party
- ◆ Car Seat and Seat Belt Safety
- ◆ Coalition Self Assessment
- ◆ School Readiness Education

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Awarded 501 C-3 Status
- ◆ Completion of Walking Trail/Grand Opening ~ "ELEPHANT WALK"
- ◆ Partnership with WATT—(Walking And Talking Time) with Hugo Elementary
- ◆ Expansion of Boys/Girls Club to two locations in Hugo
- ◆ 3rd Annual Adolescent Health Conference ~ Survivor Island
- ◆ Walter Leonard Park Restoration ◆ Tennis Court Facility Enhancement
- ◆ Received Expansion dollars for Systems of Care Contract
- ◆ Involving high school and middle school students in Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board, 2M2L and SWAT

