

# Lawton-Ft Sill Community Coalition

Comanche County

2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Raise awareness, inspire people by imparting information and education, improve the quality of life for both adults and youth, provide more projects and treatment groups
2. Positively impact the community
3. Increase awareness of LFSCC goals, objectives, and successes
4. Reduce underage drinking
5. Unify organizations to meet community needs.
6. Implement plan devised by media committee to raise awareness in the Lawton-Ft Sill community.

## Partners:

Lawton Area Prevention Resource Center  
Sickle Cell Disease of Okla.  
Lawton Public Library  
Great Plains Tech Center  
United Way of Lawton/Ft. Sill  
NAMI  
LPS PTA Council  
Raodback Southwestern  
Medical Health Center  
Crimestoppers  
OSU Extnesion  
SAFY  
Great Plains Resource and Referral

Comanche Co Juv. Bureau  
OCCY  
Lawton Public Schools  
Lawton Police Dept.  
Lawton City Council  
Lawton Parks and Rec.  
Treasure Lake Job Corp  
Lawton Ft. Sill Youth Coalition  
Local Churches  
Cameron University  
Local Businesses  
CASA  
Comanche Co Health Dept.  
Lawton Housing Association  
Comanche Co Memorial Hosp  
Jim Taliaferro Mental Health Ctr

## About Us...

Lawton/Ft.Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) Vision:  
*To ensure a thriving community is provided for all*

The Lawton—Ft Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) began in 1988 as the Lawton Public School's Substance Abuse Committee. Later it was the Citizen's Task Force for Drug Free Community and later the Mayor's Commission for a Responsible Drug Free Community. These name changes reflect the current needs of Lawton/Ft Sill and the growth and development of our projects and their volunteers.

The primary mission of the LFSCC is to identify and implement proactive programs and strategies that will empower the community to develop healthy, responsible and involved individuals. Partnerships with local organizations and countless hours of volunteer time fuel the successful and effective programs of the LFSCC.

The Lawton/Ft. Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) serves the city of Lawton/Ft.Sill. The two goals of the coalition are:

1. Reduce substance abuse in youth and adults by reducing risk factors and promoting protective factors in the community.
2. Build a dynamic and effective collaborative effort with broad representation from all sectors of the community.

In order to accomplish these goals, the LFSCC will employ the Strategic Prevention Framework and follow these steps: 1. needs assessment

2. capacity building
3. Planning
4. Implementation
5. evaluation



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### Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Awarded a Federal Community Health Center Grant with Comanche Co. Memorial Hospital serving as the fiscal agent
- ◆ LFYSC in conjunction with the Lawton Police Department conducted over 400 compliance checks. Lawton had over an 80% compliance rate.
- ◆ The Lawton Ft Sill Youth Coalition (LFSYC) in conjunction with SWAT conducted 120 Reward Reminder Visits with over a 90% compliance rate.
- Lawton/Ft. Sill Youth Coalition (a part of LFSCC); recruited over 16 new members.
- Resurrected the former Teen Trainer program as the Teen Intern Program. Seventeen youth interns present workshops in the community on youth violence, underage drinking and/or substance abuse.
- To reduce underage drinking, we helped promote Lawton's Social Host Ordinance.
- LFSCC met quarterly and participated in many community events
- ◆ LFSYC conducted a Youth Speak Out where 6 youth spoke to 54 members of the community
- ◆ More than 15 workshops were presented to the community by either LFSCC or LFSYC members. These workshops included: Violence, Underage Drinking, Substance Abuse, Girl Power! Workshops (True Colors, There's Only One Me, and Girl Talk), Conflict Resolution, Suicide Prevention, Healthy Relationships, HIV/Sex Education, Roots and Wings Parenting Workshop, Asset Building, Risk and Protective Factors and Environmental Strategies.
- ◆ Girl Power! Conferences were held in Fall of 2007 and Spring of 2008. This conference was open to every 5<sup>th</sup> grade girl in Lawton.
- ◆ The 2008 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey was conducted in 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades in Lawton Public Schools.
- ◆ Media committee filmed LFSCC promotional video.

### Key Activities:

- Promoted newly opened Lawton Community Health Center
- The Lawton Ft Sill Youth Coalition (LFSYC) in conjunction with SWAT conducted 120 Reward Reminder Visits with over a 90% compliance rate.
- LFYSC in conjunction with the Lawton Police Department conducted over 400 compliance checks.
- Membership capacity efforts are focused on training and retention of the current members.
- Executive Committee met with the general membership to review the Strategic Plan and assess progress
- Girl Power!
- Red Ribbon Week
- Youth Speak Out
- Meeting effectiveness surveys, diversity surveys and volunteer profiles were administered to the coalition membership
- Teen Intern Program Camp - Community Awareness Campaign

