

# The Garvin County Safe & Healthy Students Consortium

Garvin County

2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Provide a Safe and Healthy Atmosphere for the community.
2. Improve communication with parents and community.

## About Us...

The Garvin County Safe and Healthy Students Consortium, composed of three Garvin County school districts, Elmore City-Pernell, Stratford, and Wynnewood, began in the fall of 2005 when the superintendents of the three schools decided to band together in order to apply for large federal grants.

**Grants-**The first major grant applied for was the "Safe and Healthy Students Grant" from the U.S. Department of Education. Unfortunately our scores were too low to be selected, but we have continued to apply each year. However, we also applied for a couple of additional U.S. Department of Education grants and was thrilled when we received notice from our congressman in June of 2006 that we had been selected to receive the "**Secondary and Elementary School Counseling Grant**,". The Secondary and Elementary School Counseling Grant is a **three year grant in the amount of \$346,159 per year**. The grant provides for elementary counselors for each of the consortium schools, positions none of the schools could previously afford. The grant also provided for school based social workers for each of the schools and a grant facilitator to oversee the grant functions. This grant has been extremely beneficial to the schools and consortium communities as it provided much needed curriculum and training for both teachers and community members. We are now in the third year of this grant and we are seeing major results in the areas of truancy reduction and bullying prevention, as well as improved communication with parents and community. In June of 2008, we received notification from our congressman that we had been selected to receive an **Alcohol Abuse Reduction Grant** from the U.S. Department of Education, a **three year grant in the amount of \$347,432 per year**. Our consortium was the only Oklahoma entity or school to receive this federal grant. This grant provides for Safe School Officers for each of the consortium schools and a Grant Director to oversee the application of the grant and trainings. In addition, curriculum materials and professional development training in the areas of reducing alcohol abuse and preventing teenage drinking are integral parts of the grant. We have hired our Safe School Officers for each of the schools and the Grant Director. We are in the process of acquiring training for the officers and the director. The consortium has been very successful in a relatively short period of time and our communities and schools have benefited wonderfully!

## Partners:

Elmore City-Pernell-School District

Garvin County District Attorney

Dept. Mental Health

Stratford-School District

Garvin Co. DHS

Garvin Co. Sheriffs Dept.

Wynnewood-School District

Chickasaw Nation

Elmore City Police Dept.

Garvin Co. Health Dept.

Stratford City Police Dept.

Area Prevention Resource Center

Wynnewood City Police Dept.

Ministerial Alliance

## Key Activities:

- Bullying Prevention
- Underage Drinking Prevention
- Truancy Reduction

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ 3 year grant \$346,159.00 per year for Counseling
- ◆ 3 year grant \$347,432.00 per year for Alcohol Abuse Reduction
- ◆ Social Workers provided for participating Schools
- ◆ Safe School Officers
- ◆ Provided Trainings to students and Teachers
- ◆ Provided additional trainings for parents and community members
- ◆ Grant Director

