

# Hughes County Turning Point

Hughes County  
2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Partnership Development
2. Address Underage Drinking
3. Youth Education and Empowerment
4. Prevention of ATOD
5. Access to Health Care

## About Us...

Since becoming a Turning Point partnership in late 2006 Hughes County Turning Point has expanded the partnership to not just provide an opportunity for important community networking but provide resources and services to the County.

They are very dedicated to preventing tobacco, drug and alcohol use in area youth. They participated in Red Ribbon Week activities, Great American Smokeout, Alcohol Awareness Month, Kick Butts Day and World No Tobacco Day. In partnership with the John Crow IV Memorial Foundation and the Tobacco Control Program they supported Tobacco Prevention Speaker Rick Bender presenting to hundreds of area students. The coalition sponsored a Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking and is working to get Social Host Ordinances passed in area cities. They also worked to support local efforts to apply for Federally Qualified Health Center funding and establish a clinic in Wetumka.

Though this is a young coalition they are actively working to positively impact the health of their community.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Community Awareness Raised
- ◆ Community Education Initiatives
- ◆ Tobacco Education
- ◆ Tobacco Policies Adopted
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week Activities
- ◆ Underage Drinking/Social Host Ordinance
- ◆ 24/7 Tobacco Free School Policies
- ◆ FQHC Established and Funded
- ◆ Successful "Tobacco Teardowns" Completed

## Partners:

Area Prevention Resource Center  
Deep Fork Community Action  
OSU Extension  
Hughes County Health Department  
Wetumka FQHC  
Wetumka Schools  
Oklahomans for Independent Living  
Holdenville General Hospital  
Tyler Drug  
John Crow IV Memorial Foundation  
Twin Rivers Head start  
Hughes County Drug Court  
Elected Officials  
Wes Watkins Technology Center  
Bank of Commerce  
Hughes County DHS  
Wetumka Chamber of Commerce  
City of Wetumka  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
Area Schools

## Key Activities:

- Tobacco Control Activities
- FQHC Application Support
- ATOD Prevention Activities
- Town hall meeting on Underage Drinking



TURNING POINT COALITION MEMBERS hosted a Town Hall meeting in Holdenville on April 7 to discuss the problem of underage drinking. Although there was a large number of professionals present hoping to deal with this challenge, there was a glaring lack of parents. Pictured are (right to left) Samantha Smith, Lindsey Roberts, Leslie Crow, Shelly Crow, Sheril Morgan and Lisa Smith.

***Town Hall Meeting focuses on underage drinking***