

Jackson County Community Health Action Team

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2008

Coalition Priorities:

1. Tobacco Use Prevention
2. Underage Drinking
3. Access to Healthcare
4. Immunization
5. Physical Activity/Nutrition

About Us...

Jackson County Community Health Action Team (JCCHAT) began meeting in 2003. JCCHAT's vision is to become one of the healthiest counties in the state by 2020. We have had significant accomplishments over the past five years that will help us reach our vision.

JCCHAT successfully advocated for the city of Altus to pass a local seatbelt ordinance which attributed to a decrease in motor vehicle fatalities and injuries as well as a substantial increase in our seatbelt compliance rate. Other accomplishments include the establishing a free health clinic, hosting community walks, 24/7 tobacco-free schools, active SWAT teams, educating city government to pass local tobacco ordinances such as smoke-free environment, youth access and social host.

As with most coalitions, JCCHAT has gone through ebb and flow. Last year the membership decided to begin meeting on a quarterly basis. We have found that this has not worked out as well as anticipated. Follow through with projects has declined as has membership. We understand and respect the fact that JCCHAT members are volunteers and community coalitions require commitment. We are very appreciative of those members who have been committed to the effort from the beginning and continually look for new members and innovative ideas.

Partners:

Altus Chamber of Commerce

Altus Police Dept.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol

Altus City Planning Dept.

State political leaders

Jackson Co. Mem. Hospital

Jackson Co. Health Dept.

Faith Community

SW OK Community Action Grp

OSU Extension

SW Youth Services

Concerned Citizens

Altus Public Schools

Local Physicians

Local Pharmacists

3rd District CASA

Western Okla State College

ACMI House

Blair Public School

Wichita Mtn Prev Network/
APRC

OCCY

Altus Kiwanis Club

American Red Cross

Integrus Medical Clinic

Armed Services YMCA

Altus Air Force Base

(AAFB) Family Advocacy

AAFB Child Dev. Center

AAFB 97MSS/DPF

AAFB 97 MDOS/HCI

AAFB Patient Education

AAFB 97th Medical Group

AAFB Child - Youth Ctr

AAFB Health & Wellness Ctr

Great Plains Youth & Family,

Child Care Resource & Referral

Free Health Clinic

Altus Animal Aid

Key Activities:

- ◆ Community Walks
- ◆ Free Health Clinic
- ◆ Strategic Planning
- ◆ Operation Storefront
- ◆ Reward Reminder visits
- ◆ SWAT float at Christmas parade
- ◆ Harvest for the Hungry food drive
- ◆ Walking trail enhancement at the City Reservoir
- ◆ Present to City Council regarding tobacco ord
- ◆ Youth Leadership Retreat (AWARE)
- ◆ Compliance Checks with local Police Dept.
- ◆ Strut the Mutt, Kick the Butt, This Weigh

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Over 1,400 visits to the Free Health Clinic
- ◆ Over \$200,000 worth of prescriptions filled at no cost to patient. Fill an average of 146 prescriptions per clinic.
- ◆ Blair School passed 24/7 tobacco free policy
- ◆ City of Altus passed Social Host Ordinance
- ◆ Local Physician engaged and excited about working with community to address obesity issues
- ◆ Development of active Youth Coalition, AWARE (always Working Against Risky Environments)
- ◆ Increased number of calls to 1-800-QUITNOW.
- ◆ Promoted tobacco free policy within homes.
- ◆ Significant media attention about coalition activities specifically related to tobacco use prevention

