

# Jefferson County Turning Point Partnership

Jefferson County

2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Positive Youth Development
2. Nutrition/Obesity
3. Substance Abuse
4. Parental Education/Involvement

## About Us...

The Jefferson County Board of Health is credited for the development of the countywide coalition. It was in 2006 when they began talking about the need to engage the county to address the health issues impacting the residents. The board of Health initiated a "Call to Action" meeting and the Jefferson County responded. Since that initial meeting, the Jefferson County Turning Point Coalition has met on a monthly basis to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of their county and worked to reduce duplication of services.

Jefferson County is a rural community. Time after time youth have said that they need and want something to do. They feel there is nothing productive to do in their towns. After doing some brainstorming with youth, the partnership agreed to help pursue a youth recreation center. We are currently looking for a building that will be suitable for the center. The intention of opening a rec. center is to give youth a place to go where they are not pressured or tempted to engage in risky behaviors.

## Partners:

Jefferson Co Health Dept.	Waurika News Democrat
OSU Extension	Jefferson County Hosp.
Waurika Schools	OESC/Workforce
Jefferson Co Board of Health	Jefferson County DHS
Faith Community	Wichita Mtn Prev Resource Center
Concerned Citizens	Smart Start
	City of Waurika

## Key Activities:

- Developed committee to research possibility of building an activity center to promote healthy lifestyles.
- Car Safety Seat Check
- Smart Start float entry at Waurika Christmas Parade.
- Coalition members were educated on topics such as underage drinking, healthy disparities, and parenting issues facing community members.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Community Coalition working together to make a difference in the health and lives of Jefferson County residents.
- ◆ Working committee pursuing youth recreational facility

