

Kiowa County Community Coalition

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2008

Coalition Priorities:

1. Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs
2. Immunizations
3. Parenting

About Us...

The Kiowa County Community Coalition, began the year by reviewing and editing the existing action plan. Underage drinking and tobacco use among youth remain the primary focus. There had simply been too many tragedies and near tragedies in the community related to alcohol. The coalition partners spent the much of the year educating community leaders, law enforcement and residents of the importance of preventing underage drinking and youth tobacco use. Key to their strategies of addressing these issues were policy changes and other environmental strategies to counteract the affect ATOD is having in this rural community. They successfully advocated for the City of Hobart to pass a local Social Host Ordinance.

Partners:

Hobart Chamber of Commerce
Kiowa County Health Dept.
Hobart School
Elk View General Hospital
City of Hobart
Lone Wolf School
Great Plains Youth and Family Services
Red Rock Area Prev Resource Center
Kiowa Co. Dept of Human Services
Hobart Police Dept
Kiowa Co Sheriff Office
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Key Activities:

- Reviewed and Updated Strategic Plan
- Researched local underage drinking ordinances
- Meeting with key community leaders about passing local underage drinking ordinances
- Operation Storefront
- Youth partnered with local police to address underage drinking issue by conducting shoulder taps and compliance checks.
- Incorporated Parenting classes in with WIC nutrition education classes
- Hosted Pfizer presentation on Chantix
- Publicly recognized the Hobart Police Dept. for their efforts regarding underage drinking.
- Applied for year two of Communities of Excellence grant to address tobacco use.

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Awarded year two of the Communities of Excellence Grant through TSET.
- ◆ Passed local Social Host Ordinance in Hobart
- ◆ Coalition members trained in tobacco use prevention and the industry's tactics to get youth to use their product
- ◆ Media Minute—partnered with local radio station to have a daily one minute health and wellness message.
- ◆ Hosted Town Hall Meeting focusing on Underage Drinking



Coalition recognizing Hobart PD for their efforts to reduce underage drinking.