

# LeFlore County Coalition for Healthy Living

LeFlore County  
2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Law Enforcement and Alternatives to Incarceration
2. Education, Prevention and Wellness
3. Public Relations and Fund Raising
4. Intervention and Treatment
5. School Readiness

## About Us...

The LeFlore County Coalition for Health Living is a unique partnership of community organizations, agencies, mental health providers, business professionals, family members, and individuals committed to improving the quality of life for children and families residing in LeFlore County.

The Coalition is actively striving to make LeFlore County a healthier place to live through efforts including establishing a local Boy's & Girl's Club, drug prevention initiatives, school readiness programs, educating and empowering area youth, funding and implementing Systems of Care program and providing education to the community.

This county wide coalition is working to promote healthy living for our neighbors, friends and families.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Raising A Reader program implemented in county head starts
- ◆ Town hall meeting held on underage drinking and Social Host Ordinance
- ◆ Systems of Care Program funded and implemented
- ◆ Committee of LCC4HL applied and received grant to establish a Boy's & Girl's Club in Poteau
- ◆ 2 Much 2 Loose teams started in area schools
- ◆ Alcohol compliance conducted checks county-wide
- ◆ Sponsored a conference for Grandparents raising grandchildren

## Partners:

LeFlore County Child Advocacy Center  
LeFlore County Health Department  
Poteau School  
Elected Officials  
Systems of Care  
Heavener School  
Choctaw Nation  
Local Businesses  
Smart Start Kiamichi Country  
Kiamichi Technology Center  
OJA  
Law Enforcement  
Carl Albert State College  
LeFlore County DHS  
Faith Community  
Counseling Centers of SE Oklahoma  
Boys & Girls Club of Poteau  
Community Members at Large

## Key Activities:

- Smart Start Activities
- Boys and Girls Club Efforts
- Systems of Care Program Implementation
- ATOD prevention efforts
- Community Mobilization
- Community Education
- Access to drug and mental health treatment activities

## **GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS**

The number of Oklahoma children being raised by someone other than a parent has increased dramatically over the last 25 years. Grandparents can now get help and support in raising their children's children by attending the Grandparents Raising Kids conference on Oct. 11, at the Kiamichi Technology Center in Poteau. Topics to be discussed include behavioral issues, legal arrangements and a session entitled "Something to cry about."

*Poteau*  
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