

# Sooner SUCCESS/Networking Group

An OCCY & Turning Point Partnership

Logan County

2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Physical activity & nutrition
2. Early Childhood issues & education
3. Prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse

## About Us...

The Logan County Turning Point Coalition has begun to focus some of its efforts on improving the community environment for its citizens. In 2007 the coalition was named a finalist for a grant that would have brought a team of specialists to Guthrie to analyze the city in terms of its conduciveness to pedestrians and cyclists. Although the coalition was not awarded the grant, in 2008 they have worked towards the Highland Park Trails Enhancement Project. Within the past year, the citizens of Guthrie have formed a community team, the Guthrie Coffee Cruise, which leads weekly bike rides through the city of Guthrie. The Guthrie Coffee Cruise has about 15 riders. The Group rides around 4 miles and takes riders through downtown Guthrie, the trails at Highland Park, and ends at the Farmers' Market in downtown Guthrie. There is a pretty diverse group of riders, from hardcore cyclists to senior citizens. One father that participates in the ride brings along his 4 year old son that rides the whole trip on training wheels. The Mayor of Guthrie is a regular rider as well, and he supports the weekly bike rides. The Mayor has mentioned how much riding has helped with his blood sugar levels and his overall health. Keep your eyes open for future activities with the Guthrie Coffee Cruise.

**Sooner Success**-This coalition holds monthly meetings with featured speakers throughout the year, covering different topics that the coalition members and community members can take back to their clients or families. The Sooner SUCCESS coalition held the first ever "Touch the Trucks" Child Abuse Prevention event. This event was held in April at the Logan County Fairgrounds. Sponsors of this event were Logan County Sooner SUCCESS, Smart Start Logan County, and the Logan County Health Department.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ The Highland Park Trails Enhancement Project has enabled residents to enjoy the trails in a more "exercise friendly" environment while simultaneously increasing users' knowledge of the benefits of physical activity and nutrition.
- ◆ Featured Speakers on different topics: Prevention Workz, Inc., Dr. Simmons with the Small Smiles Dental Clinic, Wayne Rohde with the Oklahoma Autism Coalition
- ◆ Strategic Planning
- ◆ Sooner SUCCESS held an Autism Workshop in September and had great attendance, around 60 people.
- ◆ Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Grant—TSET Logan County

## Partners:

	Smart Start Logan County
Logan County Health Department	OCCY
Logan Medical Center	Logan County Sooner SUCCESS
Guthrie YMCA	Guthrie Chamber of Commerce
City of Guthrie	Logan Co. TSET
Logan County DHS	Logan Co. Youth & Family Services
Logan County OSU Extension Services	United Way of Logan County
Guthrie Police Dept.	

## Key Activities:

- Weekly Bike Rides
- Work to improve the lives of children and their families considered at-risk.
- Featured Speakers
- Child Abuse Prevention "Touch the Trucks"
- Underage Drinking Prevention
- Tobacco Prevention
- Working on the Social Host Ordinance
- 24/7 Tobacco Policy in local schools

