

# Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition

Okmulgee County  
2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Substance Abuse Prevention
2. Child and Family Abuse Prevention
3. Obesity Prevention
4. Access to Health Care
5. Emergency Service Improvement
6. Gang Abatement and Prevention

## About Us...

The Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition was started in 2006 by a small group of individuals interested in improving the health and well being of citizens of their area. In a short amount of time they have established a large, active, diverse membership and made great progress in improving the health of Okmulgee County. They have developed a large coalition with several active committees working in the identified goal areas.

Through the use of community needs assessments, Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition identifies priority gaps in the community and establishes training or strategic intervention programs to address the identified issues.

This group has build excitement and momentum in their community that has produced and will continue to produce very real positive results. They have proven that community partnerships do have an impact on the health of a community.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Development of Strategic Plan
- ◆ Increase in tobacco control policies and ordinances
- ◆ Positive changes in Emergency Response System and Services
- ◆ Drug Free Communities Grant awarded to Okmulgee County
- ◆ City -wide health care access survey
- ◆ Emergency Order of Detention System Improvement
- ◆ Supported the initiation of Mental Health Court
- ◆ Initiation of "Backpack Program" for area schools
- ◆ Established "Youth Bistro" -free hot meal to area youth
- ◆ Provided "Bridges out of Poverty " training

## Partners:

Okmulgee Memorial Hospital  
Okmulgee County Health Department  
YMCA  
City of Okmulgee  
City of Henryetta  
OSU-Okmulgee  
Muscogee Creek Nation  
OSU-Area Prevention Resource Center  
Elected Officials & Judicial Representatives  
Deep Fork Community Action  
Youth Services of Okmulgee  
Okmulgee County Consortium  
County Schools  
Okmulgee Family Resource Coalition  
Emergency Medical Services  
George Nigh Rehabilitation Center  
OSU Extension  
Area Law Enforcement  
Covington Aircraft  
CREOKS  
Systems of Care

## Key Activities:

- Community Mobilization & Education
- Access to health care Assessment
- ATOD Prevention Activities
- Obesity Prevention Efforts
- Emergency Services Initiative
- Tobacco Control Activities
- Gang Prevention Activities
- Community Activist Recognition
- Weed & Seed Initiative planning



**2008 Family Fun Festival**