

Partners for Ottawa County Youth

Ottawa County

2008

Coalition Priorities:

1. Parenting/School Attendance
2. Mental Health/School Nurses
3. Recreation/afterschool programs

About Us...

Partners for Ottawa Youth became part of the United Way in July 2008. Picher, a town of about 1,600, was on the brink of extinction before the deadly tornado that touched down in May of 2008. The school remained open to start in August. In August of 2008, POCY participated in the Back to School Health Fair.

Booths provided lead testing, immunizations, dental, vision, hearing and safety awareness as well as free school supplies.

The parenting subcommittee finished their first year long attendance project. The project is called Attendance is the Key that includes the incentive of T-shirts and a detailed truck with stylish wheels, tinted windows and a lowering kit. The parenting subcommittee started parenting classes for referrals from the court and the classes are held at the court house. Even though the tornado took much needed time for recovery and classes were canceled for the rest of the school year. Several students received gift cards for excellent attendance and one much deserved student received the grand prize truck. The parenting committee has full participation in the parenting classes and are starting a new teen parent class.

The mental health workgroup is focusing on local training for professionals. The health committee is helping with providing a school nurse at Wyandotte schools.

Partners:

Ottawa Co. Health Department
Ottawa Co. Boys & Girls Club
Ottawa Co. DHS
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School
Commerce High School
Quapaw Tribal Substance Abuse
Alexander Elementary
OK Federation of Families
Tri-County Wraparound
Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation
Office of Juvenile Affairs
SBSW-WRMS & Academy

2M2L
OSOC
OCCY
Northeastern Oklahoma
DRS
NRCYS
CPC Coalition
ROCMND APRC
OSU Extension
Systems of Care

Key Activities:

- Ottawa County Fair
- Red Ribbon Week
- Lights for Life
- Town Hall Meetings on teenage pregnancy & underage drinking
- 2M2L Camp (s)
- Attendance is the Key project
- Afterschool Programs
- Look Before You Leap
- Back to School Fair
- After Prom Activity
- Bearskin Health Fair
- Alcohol & Abstinence Awareness-April
- 2M2L Camp
- United Way Activities-Taste of Ottawa County
- Cinco de Mayo
- World No Tobacco Day

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Became a United Way Agency
- ◆ Wraparound 17 clients
- ◆ Attendance is the Key: 55 youth with perfect semester attendance and 11 youth with 1 year perfect attendance

