

Pottawatomie County Turning Point Coalitions

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2008

Coalition Priorities:

1. Strengthen Coalition and members
2. To educate and empower the youth and community

About Us...

PATCH/TP-The Pottawatomie Turning Point Coalition joined forces with the PATCH coalition in June 2008. The Pottawatomie Alliance Toward Community Health (PATCH)/ Turning Point is a group of passionate adults throughout Pottawatomie County. One of the main focus's of PATCH is tobacco, which the coalition is funded by the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement grant—TSET. We have come together to educate the community on the dangers and harmful effects of tobacco, and to promote and encourage our community to become healthier through daily exercise and good eating habits. The Coalition also hosted its 2nd annual Girl Power conference. This conference is focused on the middle school aged girls in the surrounding Shawnee school districts. The girls are introduced to many activities including: leadership, arts, physical activity, nutrition, bullying prevention, confidence building.

SWAT-Student Working Against Tobacco. To empower and unite youth to resist against the big tobacco's lies. There are current SWAT teams at Shawnee High, Pleasant Grove, and McLoud High School.

SABA-Shawnee Asset Building Alliance is an OCCY partnership. This partnership focuses on youth driven coalitions to educate and enforce policies. The SABA coalition has passed the Social Host Law, held town hall meetings focusing on underage drinking prevention. The coalition has also developed ways to promote the social host law. They have a web site called www.minordetail.org which lets community members know the law about serving alcohol to children under the age of 21. On this web site you can also report underage drinking in the Shawnee and surrounding communities. A friendly reminder will be sent to the address reported, asking the owner to obey this new law. They will also receive information on how to obtain prevention and recovery services if needed. Also through the SABA coalition, every year they host a Sports and Art Camp for the surrounding community youth. At this camp kids will be introduced to leadership skills, arts and crafts, music, and sports. These are activities that the youth would not see in a every day setting.

Partners:

OSU Extension	Pottawatomie County Health Department
Gateway to Prevention & Recovery	Youth & Family Services
Unity Health Center	Success By Six
	Ocean Dental
Dept. of Human Services	Pottawatomie County Schools
Shawnee Housing Authority	OCCY
	TSET Grant

Key Activities:

- Girl Power! Health Conference
- Social Host Ordinance
- [Www.minordetail.org](http://www.minordetail.org) –web site on underage drinking prevention
- Town Hall Meeting
- Sports and Arts Camp
- Youth Coalitions: SWAT, 2M2L

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Pottawatomie Turning Point Joined Forces with the PATCH coalition.
- ◆ Strengthened Coalitions and its members
- ◆ 150 fifth-grade girls received health information and fitness pointers at the 2nd annual Girl Power! Health Conference
- ◆ Sports and Art Camp
- ◆ 2M2L CAMP
- ◆ Tobacco and Alcohol Prevention Education
- ◆ TSET Grant 2008

