

# Woods County Coalition

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2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Underage drinking
2. Healthy lifestyles

## About Us...

Woods County Coalition is currently in their second year as a growing and developing coalition. Alva, the home of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has some of the same health concerns as other college towns, including underage drinking. Earlier this year Alva City Council passed a “social host” ordinance for their community. The coalition also held a Town Hall meeting on the topic last spring. In addition to underage drinking, the coalition is also focusing on healthy lifestyles from children through adult. A community assessment and school survey has been administered. The coalition evaluated the best way to address these health concerns in their community. Woods County Coalition is currently wrapping up their first Walk this Weigh event. This coalition is so successful because each member is committed and uses their individual talents to make the group better.

## Partners:

Share Medical Center	Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Department of Human Services	City of Alva
Faith Community	Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Alva Public School	OSDH Turning Point Staff
Local Citizens	Woods County Health Department
Northwest APRC	Alva Police Department
Woods Co. OSU Extension	

## Key Activities:

- ◆ Held Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking
- ◆ Held Women’s Health Week Luncheon
- ◆ Promoted Social Host Ordinance at Alva City Council meeting
- ◆ Met with Assistant DA to discuss coalition and underage drinking concerns
- ◆ Developed month long Walk this Weigh event

## Significant Outcomes:

- Strategic plan based on youth panel and community assessments to address issues
- 126 people participated in Walk this Weigh
- ◆ Alva City Council passed “social host” ordinance

