

Woodward Area Coalition

Woodward County
2008

Coalition Priorities:

1. Substance Abuse Prevention
2. Physical Activity
3. Youth activities
4. Strengthening Families

About Us...

Woodward Area Coalition is a diverse group of individuals from many different sectors of the community. After undergoing a few changes in the last couple of years as a coalition, we are learning what works best for us. As we work collaboratively to best meet the needs of our community, we continue implementing projects that over the years have proven successful. One such project is Girl Power! It is held every year in the spring for 5th and 6th grade girls. The coalition creates a positive environment that encourages girls to be all they can be. Many topics are addressed and promote healthy decisions now and in the future. Walk this Weigh and the Family Fun Fair are other successful events that are well established in the community.

Based on coalition and community assessments, a new program is in the developmental stage called Parents as Mentors. It will provide a model for parents who may need extra support in parenting skills.

Partners:

Lighthouse Substance Abuse Services
Area Prevention Resource Center
Department of Human Services
Woodward Public Schools

Office of Juvenile Affairs
Head Start
Local citizens
Western Plains Youth and Family

William S. Key Correctional Center
Woodward News
Woodward County Health Department

OSDH Community Development Turning Point Staff
Woodward Regional Hospital
Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
Oklahoma Federation of Families

Key Activities:

- Continued to hold monthly meetings and recruit committee members
- Developed and implemented Walk this Weigh Woodward
- Held Family Fun Fair in August
- Implemented Girl Power! event for 5th and 6th grade girls
- Starting 2M2L Club at the Woodward School
- Starting Parent as Mentors Program

Significant Outcomes:

- Held Walk this Weigh Woodward with close to 200 people participating
- 1,500 people attended Family Fun Fair
- GirlPower! impacted over 80 5th and 6th grade girls from around the Woodward area
- Received OCCY grant to assist with Coalition Training, Girl Power!, 2M2L Camp, and other youth leadership training

