

**TURNING POINT INITIATIVE  
COMMUNITY REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

November 2002

**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

- 2002 Activities
  - There are 4 work groups:
    - Tobacco Prevention and Control – worked with Tahlequah Public Schools to make all campuses smoke free. Also offered several smoke-free workshops and events.
    - Healthy Kids for a Healthy Tomorrow – attempted to institute a physical activity program in the public school system, Trekin’ the Trail of Tears. There were several issues with funding and health assessments of the children that hindered the program. *The Great Body Shop* program is being adopted at the Cookson Hills and Cherokee Nation Head Start centers. The group trained teachers on how to use the program.
    - Safe Kids Coalition – several events were conducted throughout the year to distribute car seats, booster seats and other health related events.
    - Publicity – This work group is working on a plan to spend \$5,000 grant funds on promoting Turning Point goals
  - Health Services Council
    - Hulbert Community Health Clinic – This group applied for FQHC funds in April. They were approved but not funded.
    - Rural Health Foundation Economic Development Initiative – Applied for a \$250,000 grant with the assistance from Congressman Brad Carson.
  
- Outcomes
  - Tahlequah Public Schools are all smoke-free campuses.
  - Tahlequah Public Schools has eliminated junk food and soda pop from the vending machines.
  - Hulbert Clinic is seeing about 30 patients a day and has extended clinic hours.
  - Hulbert Clinic conducted school physicals to over 200 kids in 2 1/2 days. Found some with heart murmurs and referred them to the appropriate medical care. Also discovered several with the beginnings of hypertension due to obesity issues. Very successful and received good publicity.
  - Some 1500 children have participated in the *Great Body Shop* curriculum. The response has been great for both kids and teachers. The project is for 49 Head Start centers and 79 classrooms!
  - Almost 1000 car/booster seats have been distributed this year.

- Future Plans
  - Conducting the Local Performance Standards Assessment with the partnership to assess perceptions of where the coalition is and where they want to go in the future.
  
- Participants
  - Cherokee Nation
  - Northeastern State University
  - Cookson Hills Head Start
  - Cherokee County Health Department
  - OSU Extension
  - Hastings Hospital
  - Community volunteers
  - CPA
  - Tahlequah Public Schools
  - Hulbert Public Schools
  - Local business leaders