

# **Choctaw County**

## **Choctaw Community Coalition**

### **2004**

- **Activities**

- Established County-wide Community Coalition from former Hugo Safe and Drug Free Coalition.
- Conducted Needs Assessment.
- Citywide designated “clean-up” days.
- Downtown City Beautification Project
- Balloon Festival – October, 2004
- Implemented the surveillance of police patrolling city parks.
- Restored city tennis courts and Ansley Park in Hugo.
- Enhanced security features in all public schools in the Hugo School District.
- Identified the Choctaw County Coalition to serve as the community collaborative for the Choctaw Nation CORE Capacity Initiative
- Applied for the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund Grant as part of a consortium between Choctaw County Coalition and the Push.County Turning Point Coalition, entitled Project S.P.I.T.
- Expanded partnership.
- Adopted By-Laws.
- Establish Advisory Board.

- **Outcomes**

- Identified Priorities: Safe Schools, Youth Development, Education, Economic Development, and Community Beautification.
- Restored city tennis courts and Ansley Park in Hugo.
- Enhanced security features in all public schools in the Hugo School District.
- Implemented the Walk This Weigh Campaign.
- Awarded the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund Grant as part of a consortium between Choctaw County Coalition and the Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition, entitled Project S.P.I.T.

- **Future Plans**

- Expand the partnership.
- Increase community participation through community based activities.
- Implement the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Grant awarded to the Project S.P.I.T. and begin the Planning Phase of the 5-year grant. This will include a tobacco focus community needs assessment and development strategic plan specifically for the objectives of this program.
- Expand Community-wide “Walk This Weigh” campaign.
- Develop trails system in partnership with the City of Hugo, Lane Frost Research Center and Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Design and Implement Skate Park in the city of Hugo.
- Implement Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS) in Hugo Public Schools, Spring 2005.

- **Participants**

- Choctaw Memorial Hospital
- Lane Frost Rehabilitation Center
- Kiamichi Technology Center
- Hugo Public Schools
- Little Dixie C.A.A.

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- Choctaw County Health Department
- Housing Authority
- Local Banks: Bank First, First United, Security First National
- Wal-Mart
- McDonald's
- City Council
- Chamber of Commerce
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Choctaw Nation
- Mental Health Center
- Hugo Daily News
- Community members at large
- Choctaw Nation CORE Capacity
- Women's Action League
- Choctaw County Schools
- SOSU
- Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Board
- Project S.P.I.T. Consortium