

Lawton-Ft Sill Community Coalition

Comanche County

2007

Coalition Priorities:

1. Raise awareness, inspire people by imparting information and education, improve the quality of life for both adults and youth, provide more projects and treatment groups
2. Positively impact the community
3. Increase awareness of LFSCC goals, objectives, and successes
4. Reduce underage drinking
5. Unify organizations to meet community needs.
6. LFSCC will develop a strategic media plan that coordinates with a comprehensive group of media outlets that service the LFS community
7. Increase access to healthcare (medical, dental and mental) for the underserved population.

Partners:

Lawton Area Prevention
Resource Center
Capella Health
Ft. Sill
Comanche Tribe
Kiowa Tribe
Teen Pregnancy Prev. Project
Sickle Cell Disease of Okla.
Lawton Public Library
Comanche Co Commissioner's
Office
SW Okla Area Health Ed. Ctr
American Red Cross
Great Plains Tech Center
United Way of Lawton/Ft. Sill
NAMI
LPS PTA Council
Zone I Neighborhood Assoc.
Veterans Association

Comanche Co Juv. Bureau
OCCY
Lawton Public Schools
5th District Courts
Lawton Police Dept.
Lawton City Council
Lawton Parks and Rec.
Treasure Lake Job Corp
Lawton Ft. Sill Youth Coalition
Churches
Cameron University
Lawton Chamber of Commerce
and Industry
Local Businesses
CASA
Comanche Co Health Dept.
Lawton Housing Association
Weed and Seed
Comanche Co Memorial Hosp

About Us...

Lawton/Ft.Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) Vision:
To ensure a thriving community is provided for all

The Lawton—Ft Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) began in 1988 as the Lawton Public School's Substance Abuse Committee. Later it was the Citizen's Task Force for Drug Free Community and later the Mayor's Commission for a Responsible Drug Free Community. These name changes reflect the current needs of Lawton/Ft Sill and the growth and development of our projects and their volunteers.

The primary mission of the LFSCC is to identify and implement proactive programs and strategies that will empower the community to develop healthy, responsible and involved individuals. Partnerships with local organizations and countless hours of volunteer time fuel the successful and effective programs of the LFSCC.

The Lawton/Ft. Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) serves the city of Lawton/Ft.Sill. The two goals of the coalition are:

1. Reduce substance abuse in youth and adults by reducing risk factors and promoting protective factors in the community.
2. Build a dynamic and effective collaborative effort with broad representation from all sectors of the community.

In order to accomplish these goals, the LFSCC will employ the Strategic Prevention Framework and follow these steps: 1. needs assessment, 2. capacity building, 3. planning, 4. implementation, and 5. evaluation



Members of the LFSYC at a youth leadership camp in October. The camp was at the Arbuckle Wilderness in Davis, OK.

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Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Awarded a Federal Community Health Center Grant with Comanche Co. Memorial Hospital serving as the fiscal agent
- ◆ LFYSC in conjunction with the Lawton Police Department conducted 518 compliance checks. There were 73 citations. Lawton had 83% compliance.
- With the 2004 OKPNAS for the same demographic, we now have baseline and current data to measure the impact of prevention activities in the community.
- The new standing committees formed in 2005 operated well and small group trainings and informational presentations seemed to produce a better result. While all sectors were involved during this period, the business and faith community sectors were strengthened. An intensive effort was made to broaden the scope and capacity of the Lawton/Ft. Sill Youth Coalition (a part of LFSCC); this resulted in the membership expanding from 22 members to 61.
- Special event planning for Girl Power!, Training Boys for Manhood and Red Ribbon Week involved 33 organizations attending five or more of 35 meetings.
- The Lawton Ft Sill Youth Coalition members met 15 times to develop a strategic plan, elect leadership, and plan 8 community service activities.
- ◆ Training was provided to 18 Lawton Public Schools Counselors in Reconnecting Youth and *Lifeskills* curricula
- ◆ *Lifeskills* was delivered to 2466 LPS middle school students in 15 sessions that were 45 minutes in length.
- ◆ *Reconnecting Youth* was delivered in the Fall 2006 to 33 students in 9-12 grade in a one semester course, presented daily for 45 minutes for a .5 graduating credit. 73 students are enrolled for the Spring 2007 semester.

Key Activities:

- Applied for the Federally Qualified Health Center
- The Lawton Ft Sill Youth Coalition (LFSYC) in conjunction with SWAT conducted 125 Reward Reminder Visits.
- LFYSC in conjunction with the Lawton Police Department conducted 518 compliance checks.
- Girl Power! conferences were held in October 2006 and then again in April 2007. Every 5th grade girl in the Lawton Public School system was invited to attend.
- The 2006 Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment Survey (OPNAS) was completed by 3023 Lawton Public Schools Students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12.
- Membership capacity efforts are focused on training and retention of the current members. Members were contacted individually to ascertain their commitment to the LFSCC
- Executive Committee met with the general membership to review the Strategic Plan and assess progress
- Girl Power!
- Training Boys for Manhood
- Red Ribbon Week
- The Family and Neighborhood Involvement Committee planned 6 neighborhood events in high risk areas of the community in collaboration with existing neighborhood associations.
- The Research Based Programs Committee evaluated curricula and decided to retain *Reconnecting Youth* and replace *Lifeskills* in the coming year with a different research proven curriculum in the middle schools
- The Awareness Committee planned two media campaigns
- Youth Speak Out
- The Policy and Environmental Change Committee researched legislation and planned advocacy activities surrounding local and state laws.
- Meeting effectiveness surveys, diversity surveys and volunteer profiles were administered to the coalition membership