

**Craig County**  
**Craig County Community Partnership**  
**(Formerly Craig County Turning Point)**  
**2004**

- **Activities**

- March – hosted “Drug Endangered Children: The Ill-Effects of Methamphetamine” training seminar with Jerry Harris, OK Bureau of Narcotics.
- Neighborhood Watch cards were created and distributed throughout the county so that citizens could report suspicious behavior or unusual odors as it pertains to meth use.
- August – the 501c3 that was created in 1998 was re-opened. The bylaws were amended to reflect new officers. The purpose of this was to create a vehicle whereby the coalition could apply for grants and receive donations.
- September – Turning Point Coalition merged with the Resource Board and the new partnership was renamed Craig County Community Partnership and is now officially a 501c3 with a bank account of \$218.
- October – Levi Keehler with the Cherokee Nation Meth Prevention Program conducted 3 town hall meetings for the general public. These were held in Vinita, Welch and Ketchum.
- October – Vinita Public Schools received the PEP grant in the amount of \$275,266.
- October – the hospital has applied for a grant that would allow van service for those trying to get to the hospital or to the doctor. It would serve the Grand Lake area and would be available Monday through Friday.
- November – the city of Vinita will host 2 town hall meetings to discuss the usage of the 604 acres of land that was donated from the Park and Recreation Board. An engineering firm from Tulsa has been hired to create a Master Trail design for the community.

- **Outcomes**

- Approximately 90 service providers and first responders attended the Meth Training in March.
- Approximately 75 citizens attended the town hall meetings in October.
- The coalition has a grant writer who will be submitting some grants for drug and alcohol education in the schools for 2005.

- **Future Plans**

- With the new officers in place, by-law revision and mission clearly stated, the coalition plans on reviewing the original priority areas and focus on 3 major issues: drug use and abuse, adolescent health issues and senior health issues. In the first quarter of 2005 a strategic plan will be created centered on these 3 issues.

- **Participants**

- Craig County General Hospital
- Local Town Mayors
- County Commissioners
- State Representative
- County Sheriff
- School Superintendents
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Craig County Health Department
- Business Owners
- Faith Community
- Chamber of Commerce
- City Government
- Senior Citizens