

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

November 2001

HARPER COUNTY

- 2001 Activities
 - Local community developed Turning Point Partnership
 - Partnership conducted community assessment
 - Partnership prioritized community needs
 - Goals & timelines developed
 - Outreach education (brochures, FAQ's, news articles, presentations, public meetings)

- Outcomes
 - Partnership identified top priority to establish a county health department
 - County Commissioners adjusted county sales tax to include 14 percent for the support of a county health department
 - **Vote for the county sales tax passed by 91 percent**
 - Strong partnership between hospital, health department, county commissioners, schools, business community, city and county government, and community
 - Board of Health established

- Future Plans
 - Open Harper County Health Department including a primary & satellite clinic by July 1, 2001
 - Local Partnership will help design programs based on community needs
 - Local Partnership will help in the implementation of programs
 - Expand Prevention programs in Harper county
 - Expand the partnership
 - Utilize health professionals from existing area Health Departments

- Participants
 - Harper County Turning Point Partnership
 - Harper County Community Hospital
 - Harper County Commissioners
 - Laverne Public Schools
 - Buffalo Public Schools
 - City of Laverne
 - Parish Nurse Program for Harper County
 - Harper County EMS
 - Community Health Services (OSDH)
 - Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point staff
 - Texas County Health Department

- Beaver County Health Department
- Woodward County Health Department
- Bank of Laverne
- Murphy's Farms
- OSU Extension
- Harper County 4-H Clubs
- Harper County Firefighters
- County newspapers
- Senior Citizens