

## Priorities:

Underage Drinking  
Youth Access to Alcohol  
Physical Activity/Nutrition  
Senior Housing

## Major Outcomes:

- Annexed Harper County Development Authority's property for senior housing complex **and finalized floor plans**
- 15 girls participated in Go Girl Go program
- Became a partner with Project U21
- Implemented Walk this Weigh event in Buffalo and Laverne Schools

## Partners

Bank of Laverne  
Buffalo Public Schools  
Laverne Public Schools  
City of Laverne  
Leader Tribune  
Harper County Journal

Harper County Hospital  
Harper County EMS

Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point Staff

OSU Extension  
Senior Citizens  
Laverne Lumber Company

Oklahoma State Department of Transportation

Local Citizens

Buffalo Economic Development Director

City of Buffalo

ORO Corporation

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Buffalo First Baptist Church

Department of Human Services

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

Harper Co. Sheriff's Office  
Oklahoma Highway Patrol

Laverne Police Department

## A Lil' Bit About Us....

Harper County Turning Point Partnership had great success with their initial project, the opening of a health department in their county in 2003. Harper County was one of only seven counties in Oklahoma that did not have a health department. Since that time the partnership has been working on developing an independent living center for Seniors. Due to the complexity and financial obligations associated with a project of this magnitude, it is taking much patience and dedication to this project. The Harper County Development Authority, created to act as the governing board, continues to meet once a month to work on the senior housing project. Another committee was created in August of 2005 to begin addressing youth issues in the county. Based on the assessments given, underage drinking came back as the top priority. Work continues to be done to address this important issue. The small size of the partnership makes it important for the group to maintain its specific focus so progress can be made and goals achieved.



## Key Activities

- ORO Corporation, a certified Community Housing Development Organization, using funding from the \$20,000 Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency grant conducted a pre-development assessment for senior housing in Harper County and began search for funding sources
- Created goal and objectives based on school focus groups
- Applied for Wal-Mart Community Grant for Grossology project
- Media campaign on underage drinking and youth access
- Developed relationship with county law enforcement
- Held Go Girl Go event at Laverne for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- Held Brain Power! Science camp for Buffalo 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- Had U21 booth at a Laverne 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

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