

# Harper County Turning Point Partnership

## Harper County

### Coalition Priorities:

1. Underage Drinking
2. Youth Access to Alcohol
3. Physical Activity
4. Senior Housing

### 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. The partnership is currently 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, meets once a month to work on the senior housing project. A youth 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 is being done to address this important issue. The "social host" ordinance has been presented in both Harper County communities, passing in one and hopefully passing in the other by the end of the year.

### Partners:

Bank of Laverne	Laverne Lumber Company
Buffalo Public Schools	Laverne
Laverne Public Schools	Oklahoma State Department of Transportation
City of Laverne	Buffalo Economic Development Director
Leader Tribune	City of Buffalo
Harper County Journal	Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services-APRC
Harper County Hospital	Buffalo First Baptist Church
Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point Staff	Department of Human Services
OSU Extension	Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
Senior Citizens	Laverne Police Dept.
Local Citizens	
Laverne First Baptist Church	
Harper Co. Sheriff's Office	
Oklahoma Highway Patrol	
OCCY	

### Key Activities:

- Held "A Day of Science" at both county schools using science to educate on the dangers of alcohol and drugs on the body
- Media campaign on underage drinking and youth access
- Met with Laverne and Buffalo town boards and community citizens on "social host" ordinance
- Promoted 2 Much 2 Lose in Laverne and Buffalo schools
- Worked with community partners to apply for Recreational Trails grant

### Significant Outcomes:

- Received \$160,000 recreational trails grant for Laverne from the Department of Tourism
- Laverne Town Board passed "social host" ordinance
- Received TP/WIC grant to train leaders for Body Recall, a 10 week class that encourages lifetime fitness for all ages
- Implementing two Body Recall classes three times per week due to number of registering
- Received OCCY funding to promote youth activities in both communities and for youth to attend 2M2L Camp

