

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

November 2002

**JACKSON COUNTY**

- 2002 Activities
  - The partnership formed in March 2002
  - Approached Altus Chamber of Commerce to build a walking track around the new children's fun park, Imagination Station
  - Held a Health Awareness Day. Offering free health screenings to all participants.
  - In conjunction with the Health Awareness Day, we held the first Wild and Windy Walk. Plans are for this walk to take place twice a year.
  - Established priority health issues for the partnership to focus their efforts
  - Substance abuse
  - Physical Activity
  - Injury Prevention
  - Childhood and Adult Immunization
  - Sent out 9000 surveys to county residents. Surveys will help the group have a better understanding of the health concerns and needs in the community. Various members of the partnership donated copies of the survey.
  - In the process of developing a Community Health Improvement Plan for the county
  
- Outcomes
  - Increase in awareness of public health issues in the community
  - Partnership of strong, dedicated individuals committed to address the health issues of the community
  - Over 60 walkers came out for the Wild and Windy Walk and over 200 came through the health booths
  - A walking track will be built around Imagination Station. A local asphalt company is donating materials.
  
- Future Plans
  - Complete the Community Health Improvement Plan
  - Educate local schools on the importance of a strict tobacco free policy (24/7/365 no tobacco use on school property) and help them to get these policies in place
  - Hold the second Wild and Windy Walk
  - Work to get all the communities in the county to have a Seat Belt Ordinance
  - Apply for the Active Living by Design grant

- Meet with the city and discuss closing the road that circles the city's reservoir. The reservoir is a popular place for residents to go and walk, ride their bikes and roller blade. By closing the road it would make the location a much safer environment.
- Meet with hospital and local physicians about using OSIS (an immunization surveillance program) in their practices
- Participants
  - Altus Chamber of Commerce
  - Altus Police Department
  - Oklahoma Highway Patrol
  - Altus City Planning Department
  - State political leaders (Senator and Representative)
  - Jackson County Memorial Hospital
  - Jackson County Health Department
  - United Way
  - Faith Community
  - Southwest Community Action
  - OSU Extension
  - Altus Air Force Base
  - Southwestern Youth Services
  - Concerned Citizens
  - Workforce Oklahoma
  - Olustee City Clerk
  - Altus Public Schools
  - Local Physicians
  - KeyB radio station
  - CASA of Southwest Oklahoma
  - Western Oklahoma State College