

Kiowa County Community Coalition

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2007

Coalition Priorities:

1. Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs
2. Teen Pregnancy
3. Immunizations
4. Physical Activity and Nutrition

About Us...

The Kiowa County Community Coalition, previously known as the Kiowa County Health Committee, restructured themselves in order to revitalize their efforts. The coalition began by reviewing and editing the existing action plan. They expanded their focus to include alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD). There had simply been too many tragedies and near tragedies in their community related to alcohol and drugs to not add ATOD to the priority list. They not only added ATOD to their priority list they are pursuing policy changes and other environmental strategies to counteract the affect ATOD is having in this rural community.

The tiny, town of Lone Wolf was the only community in the county and in most of southwest Oklahoma to have youth representatives at the 2m2l (underage drinking leadership camp) camp in the summer of 2007. The girls began developing a plan at camp and have come back and lit a fire under many of the adults to not only take a stand against underage drinking but to actively prevent it through compliance checks, shoulder taps, policy changes and youth empowerment and leadership opportunities.

“The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible, and achieve it, generation after generation.”
Pearl S. Buck

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Partnered with Caddo County and received the Communities of Excellence Grant through TSET.
- ◆ Active 2m2l team in Lone Wolf
- ◆ Met with Mayor of Hobart to discuss current policies related to underage drinking.
- ◆ Coalition members trained in tobacco use prevention and the industry's tactics to get youth to use their product

Partners:

Hobart Chamber of Commerce
Kiowa County Health Dept.
Hobart School
Elk View General Hospital
City of Hobart
Lone Wolf School
Great Plains Youth and Family Services
Red Rock Area Prev Resource Center
Kiowa Co. DHS
Hobart Police Dept
Kiowa Co Sheriff Office
2m2l

Key Activities:

- Applied for Communities of Excellence grant
- Reviewed and Updated Strategic Plan
- Researched local underage drinking ordinances
- Youth attended 2m2l leadership camp
- Established 2m2l team in Lone Wolf
- Meeting with key community leaders about passing local underage drinking ordinances
- Coalition members attended National Tobacco Conf in Minneapolis.

