

# McCurtain County Coalition For Change 2004

- **Activities**

- Utilizing and Focusing on issues collectively.
- Identifying committee objectives.
- Accommodating differences of opinions and priorities among members.
- Rotated meeting place to permit members to host meetings.
- The Community Action Planning (CAP) program continues with programs using Idabel High School students in community clean up, skits on drug abuse, racism, intolerance, and kid cliques.
- Serving as model coalition for Choctaw County Coalition.
- Applied for Access to Health Care Grant addressing transportation needs for county residents to and from health care services.

- **Outcomes**

- Identified community goals and objectives.
- Access to health care addressed.
- Abstinence Education Program Implemented.
- State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA) Grant.
- The Battiest Community was awarded the Community Health Center Grant, now identified as a Federally Qualified Health Center.
- After school program established. Core tutoring programs continue to help students in computer technology, math, and language arts at the Booker T. Washington Center (BTW).
  - Software project implemented.
  - Employability and Work Maturity Skills.
  - Work Based Learning.
  - Citizenship Skills.
- Co-sponsored the O.W. Lee Amphitheater to be utilized by youth for music, drama, and dance.
- Grant Awarded—Oklahoma Leads Effective Teaching of American History (Project OLETAH)—to strengthen the teaching of American History as a separate academic subject within the curriculum of elementary and secondary classrooms in 50 school districts in rural southeastern Oklahoma.
- General computer technology program implemented for basic computer skills.
- Updated McCurtain County Coalition for Change website: [www.octm.com/mccfc/index.htm](http://www.octm.com/mccfc/index.htm).
- Participated in the Main Street project downtown—a new brick street-paving project.
- Updated the Character Education website: [www.octm.com/charactercounts/index.htm](http://www.octm.com/charactercounts/index.htm).
- Project READY—Recreational and Educational Alternative to Drugs for Youth Project (trips scheduled to Beavers Bend State Park, Go-cart Day, Miniature Golf, and swimming activities).
- Updated the alcohol and drug abuse policies for one school district and three small businesses.

- **Future Plans**

- Expand the partnership.

- **Participants**

- McCurtain County Health Department
- OK State Dept.of Health Turning Point
- OSU Cooperative Extension Service
- Little Dixie Community Action Agency
- Battiest School District
- McCurtain County Hospital
- Idabel Minority Action Committee (IMAC)
- Communities for Change Coalition
- McCare Educational Cooperative