



Priorities:

- Healthy Living**
- Minority Health**
- Collaboration and Networking**
- Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention**
- Youth & Family Education/Development**

Partners:

- Community Volunteers ~ City of Idabel
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma - Healthy Marriage/Kids Initiative
- Healthy Lifestyles/CORE Capacity/ Cares Program
- McCurtain County Inter Local Cooperative
- McCurtain County Area Prevention Resource Center
- McCurtain County Health Dept ~ Project READY
- Systems of Care ~ Project PROMISE ~ Project S.P.I.T.
- Okla. State Department of Health Turning Point staff
- Okla. State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Oklahoma State Department of Human Services
- Little Dixie C.A.A. ~ Bright Beginnings ~ Idabel Hsg. Authority
- 15 ~ County School Districts ~ SMART START
- McCurtain County Hospital ~ Hand to Hand
- Idabel Minority Action Committee (IMAC) ~ Ministerial Alliance
- McCurtain County Sheriff Dept. ~ Kiamichi Youth Services
- Local Media ~ Carl Albert Mental Health ~ OPAT
- Carl Albert Child Trauma ~ YCAP ~ Counseling Center

Major Outcomes:

- ☉ AWARDED FUNDING FOR CITY PARK EXERCISE EQUIP.
- ☉ COALITION RESTRUCTURE TO ALLOW PARTNERSHIP EXPANSION AND GROWTH
- ☉ AWARDED DRUG FREE COMMUNITY GRANT
- ☉ AWARDED SYSTEMS OF CARE CONTRACT
- ☉ ADOLESCENT HEALTH CONFERENCE HUGE SUCCESS
- ☉ CONDUCTED COALITION SELF ASSESSMENT
- ☉ IMPLEMENTED UNDERAGE DRINKING MEDIA CAMPAIGN
- ☉ AWARDED MALE HEALTH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
- ☉ AWARDED EXPANSION FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CONTROL
- ☉ HOSTED TOWN HALL MEETING ON UNDERAGE DRINKING
- ☉ WORKING WITH PROJECT UNDER 21



Pictured above:
Coalition for Change members distributed thousands of bracelets to local youth in honor of Red Ribbon Week

A Lil Bit About Us...

The vision for the McCurtain County Coalition For Change is to have a safe and healthy community. The original coalition was developed in 1991, called the McCurtain County Partnership. Later it was named the McCurtain County Coalition. In March 1999, it was re-named the McCurtain County Coalition for Change. Membership has grown to 60 members countywide. The logo for the coalition was developed through a student art contest in which the winner received \$100, donated by a coalition member. Today the Coalition For Change has matured with many successful programs and on-going community projects. In the past, this partnership's primary focus has been to work together to reduce alcohol and other drug problems through coordinated and committed community prevention efforts. However, current activities are expanding partnerships in an effort to address all health related and community concerns that impact citizen's quality of life.

Key Activities

- Strengthen coalition capacity (Turning Point Philosophy)
- Expanding partnerships
- Health Promotion Activities
- After school programs
- Student mentor programs
- Summer Programs for Youth
- Outdoor/Indoor recreation programs
- Community Walks ~ Youth/Family Media Campaign ~ Tobacco Ad Surveys
- Providing Alcohol ~ Youth drug free clubs
- Tobacco/Drug Educational Programs
- Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)
- Community Clean Up ~Recycling
- Community Food Drives
- Vehicle Safety
- Skits (Role Play) performances

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