

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

November 2001

**MUSKOGEE COUNTY**

- 2001 Activities
  - The partnership celebrated its first anniversary in late October. The first months were spent in educating participants regarding local public health issues.
  - Three committees were formed to address the concerns identified by the partnership; Healthy Lifestyles, Medical Access, Methamphetamine Intervention.
  - Healthy Lifestyles Committee's focus is on decreasing tobacco use by working with existing SWAT groups and work with the State Health Department Tobacco Project. This group will use the Medical Alliance's statewide "Extinguisher Program" in the middle schools.
  - Medical Access Committee did a community assessment on medical strengths and weaknesses. They are developing a resource and referral list. They are also working with the local media to create a calendar that will be available to the community.
  - Methamphetamine Intervention Committee identified areas of concern including health and safety issues, law enforcement and education/prevention issues. They participated in the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Control as a presenter.
  
- Outcomes
  - Made 2 presentations concerning the drug issue.
  - Many of the fore mentioned activities are ongoing for next year.
  
- Future Plans
  - A meth video is in development to help with community education.
  - Development of a speaker's bureau.
  - Development of a prevention-training program for classroom teachers.
  
- Participants
  - Information about general meetings is mailed to approximately 70 area citizens, both in the public and private sector. Active membership includes individuals from the hospital, DHS, Health Department, medical community, stakeholders and a state legislator. Recruitment efforts continue.