



Pottawatomie County Turning Point

History of Pottawatomie County Turning Point

The Pottawatomie County Turning Point is a new planning partnership. The partnership has been meeting, establishing priorities, and reviewing countywide data since April 2006. The partnership has outlined six strong priorities and will take the next year to evaluate resources and plan appropriate projects.

Key Activities

- ◆ The partnership met in April 2006 for the initial meeting of the planning partnership.
- ◆ A needs assessment survey was distributed and priorities were outlined.
- ◆ The partnership has invited numerous State Health Department and Program Directors to meeting as special guests, to provide in-depth insight into health issues and concerns of Pottawatomie County residents.
- ◆ The partnership received a Turning Point/WIC grant to implement an exercise and nutrition program. The program was 5-weeks worth of fun exercising and preparing fun, easy, healthy, and inexpensive snacks.
- ◆ Pottawatomie County Health Department dedicated a staff member to assist with the planning and implementation of the Turning Point initiative.

Partners

Department of Human Services
Crossroads Youth and Family Services
Youth and Family Resource Center
Shawnee Public Schools
Shawnee Housing Authority
Gateway to Prevention and Recovery
OSU Cooperative Extension Service
Central Oklahoma Economic
Development Department
(COEDD)
Ocean Dental
Unity Hospital
Solara Shawnee Hospital
Oklahoma Baptist University
City of Shawnee

Priorities

- ◆ Reduce domestic violence and help victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.
- ◆ Reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs.
- ◆ Provide resources to grandparents raising grandchildren.
- ◆ Reduce the number of school dropouts.
- ◆ Make affordable health care services more available, especially to the uninsured and uninsurable.
- ◆ Promote wellness/fitness and prevention of health problems/diseases.