

Texas County Coalition

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2009

Coalition Priorities:

1. Youth Shelter
2. Physical Activity/Nutrition
3. Children's Health
4. Mental Health Services

About Us...

Texas County Turning Point Partnership, located in the heart of the Oklahoma Panhandle, is a diverse partnership with a desire to give the people of Texas County every opportunity to be healthy, productive citizens. Texas County's partnership was one of the three originally funded partnerships when they received a grant from the W.K. Kellogg and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Since 1998, they have been actively participating in many different projects. Texas County Coalition has three sub-committees-the Comprehensive Health Task Force, the Recreational and Educational Task Force, and the Projects Committee. These committees are working on developing a youth shelter, an after-school program, in addition to carrying through with projects held annually.

One such project is the Children's Health Fair. The Fair, held every July, brings many children's services to one location before school starts. This year over 200 children participated in this event. The past two years we have also participated in Give a Kid a Smile Day, a day that dentists provide free services to children in need of dental care.

Partners:

American Red Cross	City of Guymon
Department of Human Services	Northwest APRC
Faith Community	Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Guymon Daily Herald	OSDH Turning Point Staff
Guymon Public Schools	OSU Extension
Local Citizens	Texas County EMS
Memorial Hospital of Texas County	Texas County Fire Department
Next Step Network	Texas County Health Department
Northwest Domestic Crisis	Texas County School Systems
Brown & Associates Insurance	Systems of Care
Local Doctors	DA's Office
	Western Plains Youth and Family Services

Key Activities:

- Held OHIP Listening Session
- Collected donations for Write Stuff program
- Held 6th annual Children's Health Fair
- Participated in Give a Kid a Smile Day
- Initiated collaboration of OPSU and Northwestern Universities for Master of Counseling Program
- ◆ Worked with City of Guymon on youth shelter
- ◆ Met with City Council to discuss idea of creating a recreation director position for after-school program

Significant Outcomes:

- Over 200 children attended Children's Health Fair
- School supplies distributed to Texas County schools through Write Stuff project
- Received grant to begin work on youth shelter
- ◆ Systems of Care working with multiple families
- ◆ 140 children received dental care on Give a Kid a Smile Day

