

WHAT

Washita Health Action Team

Washita County
2009

Coalition Priorities:

1. **Substance Abuse Prevention**
2. **Positive Youth Development**

About Us...

Custer—Washita Health Action Team (C-WHAT) began meeting as one group in 2006. C-WHAT covered Custer and Washita counties. Washita County partners decided to start meeting separately in Cordell to address some of their county specific issues.

The initial conversations that took place in Washita County were about the fact they did not have a county health dept therefore residents have to drive to neighboring counties for many services. The partnership is very interested in establishing a county health dept. but recognize an education process will have to occur throughout the county.

Due to the high rates of meth use in Washita County, WHAT in partnership with the City of Cordell received a three-year Meth Prevention grant through the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for Washita County. After a long assessment process, the coalition decided to implement the “Too Good for Drugs” curricula in all Wasita county schools.

Partners:

Office of Juvenile Affairs
Red Rock APRC
ODMHSAS
OSDH – Turning Point
Burns Flat School
Cordell School

Western OK Coalition for
Community Strengthening
(TSET grant)
City of Cordell
Mayor Alex Damon

Key Activities:

- ◆ Implemented Too Good For Drugs in county schools
- ◆ Hosted a Youth Speak Out
- ◆ Compliance Checks throughout each county
- ◆ Educated City Council and Community on Social Host Ordinance
- ◆ SWAT Regional ALIVE Summit
- ◆ Tobacco Teardown Activities
- ◆ Placement of Meth Prevention Billboard
- ◆ Promoted 24/7 tobacco free policy in county schools
- ◆ Established SWAT teams in local schools
- ◆ Promoted Crystal Darkness

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ \$20,000 meth prevention grant by the ODMHSAS
- ◆ Media campaign for meth prevention project
- ◆ Sponsored youth to attend 2m2l Leadership Camp
- ◆ SWOSU became a Tobacco Free Campus
- ◆ Hosted Crystal Darkness Event

