

Washington County Wellness Initiative

Washington County 2010

Coalition Priorities:

1. Mental Health
2. Transportation (Poverty and Access to Health Care)
3. Adult Preventative Care
4. Child/Adolescent Preventative Care
5. Access to Health Care

About Us...

The Washington County Wellness Initiative remains committed to their efforts to connect the uninsured and medically indigent to healthcare services and health insurance. Although challenging, coalition members have been working diligently collecting data in an effort to prove a need for the location of a Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQCHC) in Washington County. The Initiative's Access to Health Care committee worked with Family Health Care Clinic to support their transition from reproductive health-only clinic to a primary care clinic with a wide array of services. The Health Department will now offer family planning services.

Building Bridges, a poverty alleviation initiative in Bartlesville was nationally recognized by *Move the Mountain* as a "top tier" program. This year, only four programs received this special designation in the United States. The Affordable Housing committee has been hard at work researching models of neighborhood revitalization and affordable housing programs. Plans for an Affordable Housing Summit are underway. The committee has been working on the development of a mission statement as well.

The mental health workgroup of the Washington County Wellness Initiative partnered with other local groups to conduct key informant interviews to identify gaps and barriers to access to mental health services. This effort resulted in several important initiatives being planned: (1) School-based mental health services; (2) Low-cost training for local mental health providers; (3) Workforce development and training for local mental health agencies; (4) Program to assist parents with the loss of a child; and (5) The Washington County Suicide Prevention Project.

The Washington County Anti-Drug Network partnered with OJA, YMCA and the Health Department to develop the Run the Streets program which provides an opportunity for youth to train for a half marathon rather than completing traditional probation. Based on the successful outcomes of season one, the network is planning for season two of the program. The Youth Leadership program will continue in Bartlesville and plans to extend to Dewey in the near future. Trainers were brought in from the YES (Youth Empowered for Success) program based in Arizona to train local community members on how to develop youth/adult partnerships.

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Mission Statement developed for the Affordable Housing Committee
- ◆ Getting Ahead participants' (Poverty Alleviation) total monthly earned income increased for class
- ◆ New collaborative relationships developed to identify barriers to accessing mental health services
- ◆ Development of a wellness screening tool for students
- ◆ Surveillance system developed to capture suicide related events
- ◆ Partnership with Bartlesville for Safe Routes to School Grant

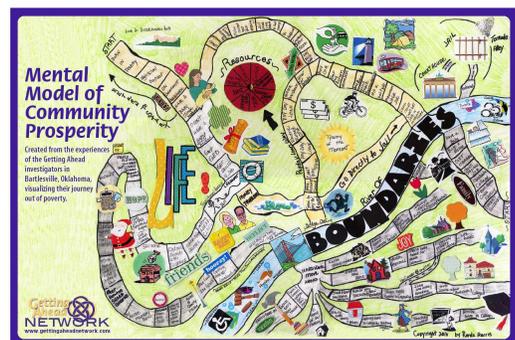
Partners:

Bartlesville United Way
Bartlesville Literacy
Chamber of Commerce
Washington Co. DHS
Family Care Services
Youth & Family Services
Delaware Tribe
Bartlesville Public Schools
OSU Prevention Services
Mutual Club
ConocoPhillips
Casa Hispana Hispanic Outreach Center
KKI Technologies
Cherokee Nation
Behavioral Health
Mary Martha Outreach
Bartlesville Even Start
Systems of Care

Office of Juvenile Affairs
Dewey Public Schools
Oklahoma Wesleyan University
Tri-County Technology
Salvation Army
Success By Six
Board of Health
Bartlesville Family YMCA
Red Dirt Peddlers
Green Country
Independent Living Resources
Eldercare
City Ride
TCTC
Workforce Oklahoma County
Commissioners
Cherokee Nation

Key Activities:

- Data collection for various community-based projects
- Planning Affordable Housing Summit/Bridges Out of Poverty and Move the Mountain Training and Events
- Run the Streets program
- Various local mental health Initiatives
- No Boundaries 5K training program
- 1st Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo
- National Walk to School Day



This model was created from the experiences of the *Getting Ahead* investigators in Bartlesville, OK. The model represents and visualizes their journey out of poverty.

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