



About Us...

Originally Woodward's coalition was named Partners Acting as Change Agents (PACA) and began in 2000 through grants that allowed the coalition to hire a program director and other paid staff who collaborated with many partners to address the coalition's goals. The group experienced much success during this time and the majority of the work was done through multiple committees that met monthly to address certain issues.

When the grant ended the PACA group merged with

NWCare, an established Systems of Care coalition, and became Woodward Area Coalition. Currently the coalition is a diverse group of individuals from many different sectors of the community. Teen pregnancy and substance abuse issues were top concerns for our area. The coalition has been working on the teen pregnancy issue with one Woodward County school. The coalition and school partnered this past year utilizing every available resource to provide training to parents on how to talk to their teens about this issue.

The coalition has also been working with the Regional Prevention Coordinators on their Regional Epidemiological Workgroup. Woodward County had extremely high usage of non-medical use of prescription drugs. We have worked through the strategic planning process and are currently getting ready to start implementation.

For the 10th year in a row we held a GirlPower! event for 5th and 6th grade girls and a picture of the event shown below.



Partnership Priorities

- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Children's Health
- Teen Pregnancy
- Child Abuse Prevention

Mission Statement

To promote safe and healthy lifestyles among youth and families in Northwest Oklahoma and prevent substance abuse and other high-risk behaviors through increased public awareness, education, program development, policy change and community collaboration

Activites

- Coalition Membership Recruitment
- Back to School Bash
- REOW Meetings
- MAPP (Organizing for Development)
- Parents in Power Resource Group
- CAP Promotion-ribbons and t-shirts
- GirlPower!

Outcomes/Impacts

- Ft. Supply Schools passed 24/7 tobacco free policy
- 10 parents involved in Parents in Power
- 400 attended Back to School Bash
- 62 5th and 6th grade area girls attended GirlPower!

Partnerships

- Lighthouse Substance Abuse Services
- Regional Prevention Coordinators
- Department of Human Services
- Woodward Public Schools
- Living Word Fellowship
- Office of Juvenile Affairs
- Head Start
- Local citizens
- Western Plains Youth and Family Services
- Woodward News
- Woodward County Health Department
- OSDH Community Development Turning Point Staff
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
- Oklahoma Federation of Families
- Mooreland Public Schools
- Systems of Care

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“A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from... passion not position”.

John Maxwell