

Guthrie County

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Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

Promote Healthy Behaviors

Problems/Needs:

- Law enforcement states high percentage of calls/arrests are related to drugs and alcohol. Inadequate services and providers for mental health.
- insufficient funding for infant, child and family health.
- 51% of 11th grade students have had at least 1 drink in the last 30 days. 25% of 11th grade students are engaging in binge drinking activities (5 or more drinks), and 22% of the 11th grade students have tried a tobacco product in their life time. Women of child bearing age are using tobacco products or are exposed to secondhand smoke.

Prevent Injuries

Problems/Needs:

- Inadequate services for the disabled or handicapped.
- Paid EMS service only available in two cities in the county. Inadequate EMS volunteers available for timely response in the remaining areas of the county. Decreasing numbers of volunteers signing up.
- Inadequate prevention services available to the children age 5-18. The sheriff teaches DARE at one school and it is difficult for New Opportunities (substance programs) to get into the schools to reach a captive audience.

Protect Against Environmental Hazards

Problems/Needs:

- Increasing number of older homes as well as rental homes that are unsafe due to inadequate finances to repair. Poverty level is around 10% per "County At A Glance" statistics.

Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

Problems/Needs:

- Guthrie County's Chlamydia rate is 44/100,000 population. New Opportunities family planning program has seen increased numbers of STD's.

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

Problems/Needs:

- Lack of resources for surge capacity at all levels if a public health emergency/disaster occurs.

Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure

Problems/Needs:

- Difficult to access health care or programs due to lack of transportation. Young families and elderly lack income to pay someone or pay a transportation service.
- Increase number of people/families who are uninsured or underinsured. "Counties At A Glance" report states 16% of the population is uninsured.

Community Health Improvement Plan

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
To increase or maintain the number of emergency personnel.	a) Develop and implement a comprehensive education and outreach campaign for the public and the board of supervisors.	Guthrie County local emergency planning committee, EMS council, local media.	June 30, 2012
	b) Develop methods to recognize current volunteers.		

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
To decrease underage drinking and decrease binge drinking activities.	Provide researched based curriculum in the schools.	New Opportunities	Provide yearly curriculum to the school districts
	b) develop a task force to raise awareness and provide information/education to the general public	Guthrie Co Hospital	30-Jun-12
	c) develop informational brochures for the general public	New Opportunities	30-Jun-12
	d) provide retail education to establishments that sell alcohol	New Opportunities	Provide retailer education t all establishments by June 30th of each year.