

Oklahoma Turning Point Year 1: Summary Sheet

State: **OKLAHOMA**

Lead Agency: Oklahoma State Department of Health

Turning Point Partnership: The Turning Point Steering Committee adopted by-laws and has become an independent group: the *Oklahoma Turning Point Council*. This group will work to restructure public health and form community-based partnerships to improve health.

Implementation Priority: “Expand Turning Point to all counties through new partnerships.”

Implementation outcomes:

1. 18 new local Turning Point Partnerships per year for 4 years
2. A formal process for a partnership approach to public health decision making
3. New mechanisms for flexible use of public health resources

Unique Partners:

- Faith community partners
- The business partners on the Tulsa Partnership have formed a subcommittee to increase the awareness of the business community of the importance of public health in reducing the economic costs of poor health in Oklahoma.
- The *Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce*
- The Turning Point Partnership is forming a partnership with the partnership *Covering Kids*-a RWJF funded initiative to increase access to Medicaid for children. They will be assisting *Covering Kids* to expand to Turning Point communities.

Products and Outcomes to Date:

- **Major Public Health Infrastructure Change:** monies previously designated for specific program service delivery have been reallocated to community-focused activities through local Turning Point partnerships.
- **Major Public Health Infrastructure Change:** Office of Community Development was created to support the development of partnerships as a public health strategy.
- **Major Public Health Infrastructure Change:** The State Board of Health officially recommended the expansion of Turning Point to all 77 counties in Oklahoma as a way to improve the relatively poor health status in Oklahoma.
- **Major Public Health Infrastructure Change:** The major systems change that occurred as a result of this policy turned a centralized, top-down health organization into a locally driven system. Communities will identify their leading health problems and mobilize to develop intervention programs to improve health status.

Anticipated impact of implementation on the 10 leading health indicators:

- Each of the 77 Turning Point communities will identify an indicator specific to their community and develop intervention programs to improve health status.