

HHI At-a-Glance

May – June 2011

Southeast Region

The Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative in collaboration with the **Jefferson County** Hometown Health Coalition recently hosted a HIV/STD/ Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Infant Mortality workshop. The main goal of the workshop was to collaborate with local community organizations, churches, and schools on a plan that will inform, educate, and empower teens and parents about health issues and provide educational opportunities regarding sexual behavior. It is our vision to empower the youth of Jefferson County with knowledge and skills in order to make more informed decisions. Participants viewed the Pam Stenzel DVDs *Sex STILL Has a Price Tag* and *Parents Matter Raising Kids with Integrity*.

Southwest Region

Miller County – Arnell Washington, Rural Health Specialist, set up a booth for youth at Edward D. Trice Elementary School in Texarkana on April 24th. Information was available for both children and their parents. Brochures on second-hand smoke and the Smoking Cessation Quitline, as well as oral health and safety, were available. There were around 100 children who visited the booth. Each child received a fire safety coloring book, tooth paste, and a tooth brush.

Northeast Region

White County – May 19th the LHU Clinic Staff, Hometown Health Coalition and In-Home Services partnered with both Cleburne & Woodruff Counties, to host a “Safety Baby Shower” for Mother & Infant Program (MIP) clients of all three counties.



There were 21 pregnant moms, their 18 invited guests and with 11 workers the final total attendance was 50. Both regional and community partners helped make this first-time ever



baby shower a smashing success. From car seats to smoke detectors, DVDs to thermometers, the attendees were blessed with many gifts and lots of educational information to make a safer environment for their babies.

Central Region

Saline County – Hometown Health Coalition and the Family Service Agency are trying to remind adults it is a CRIME to serve substances to the youth of our state. Study results from several sources all point to the behaviors of adults are heavy factors for youth behaviors. Adults who use substances (tobacco, alcohol, or prescription or illicit drugs) or that give the approval for the use of substances will have youth under their care that will use.

Northwest Region

Boone County – The City of Harrison has approved a “Road Diet” for the city’s downtown area. This will make the downtown area friendlier to pedestrians and bikers. Below are pictures of how the street looks now, how it will look in one year, and how it will look in ten years.

