

HHI At-a-glance

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Central Region

The **Perry County** coalition recently hosted their annual Teen Summit which provides local high school students with information on the importance of healthy lifestyles. The topics include nutrition, physical activity, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

The Community Health Promotion Specialists and the Community Health Nurse Specialists worked with the schools from the Central region to collect the Youth Tobacco Surveys. They are also gearing up plans for flu and TDAP clinics for the fall.

Northwest Region

The Lavaca school district in **Sebastian County** was awarded a Wellness Center Grant approved for \$175,000.00 for the 2010-2011 school year from the Department of Education. They also received Local Grant Trust Fund for \$674,500.00 to Sebastian County Health Unit.

The CHNS and CHPS worked with the targeted schools in Northwest Region to complete the Youth Tobacco Survey. They are also planning summer workshops at all the Educational Cooperatives for teachers, coaches, and other staff.

Northeast Region

Stone County recently held their 2nd Annual Camp Fit and Fun. This is a collaborative effort between many community partners. Education included tobacco prevention messages, the importance of physical activity,



nutrition, safety, and hand washing. Students learned food preservation and each canned a jar of Salsa. This event impacted nearly 40 students plus several volunteers.

The **Izard County** Tobacco Prevention Coalition and its coordinator, Hunter Caraway, have been busy changing policy and effecting the environment in very positive ways. Several playgrounds now have a "No Smoking Within 20 Feet" policy.



Hometown Health Improvement



Southeast Region

The **Cleveland County** Health Unit along with the cooperation of the Cleveland County Hometown Health Improvement Coalition

supported the Trinity Faith Assembly of God Church with their first 5 K Run/Walk-Race of Faith event held on May 22nd. The Southeast Region Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program budget provided a Tobacco Free Event signage for this with the SOS logo.



ArMOM (Arkansas Mission of Mercy) recently held a dental clinic in Monticello, with a lasting benefit to 1,254 south Arkansas residents. 3,001 teeth were extracted from patients, and thousands of fillings were done. The value of the services that were provided for free would have cost \$760,000. One hundred twenty five dentist and 798 volunteers made the event possible.

Southwest Region

Six EAST Lab students worked on an underage drinking prevention project with the Malvern Police Department and **Hot Spring County** Health Unit. The alcohol prevention project is targeting teens who will be attending prom and graduation. The students posed for pictures and designed and printed the posters to be placed in all 5 school districts in the county. The posters were also hung at the Hot Spring County Health Unit, Hot Spring County Courthouse, Malvern Police Department and local fire departments. The coalition has received positive responses from across the county on the posters. They also purchased ad space in the Malvern Daily Record to run the posters before graduation.

Funds for the posters and ads were received through the Region 8 Prevention Resource Center and ADAP mini-grant.

