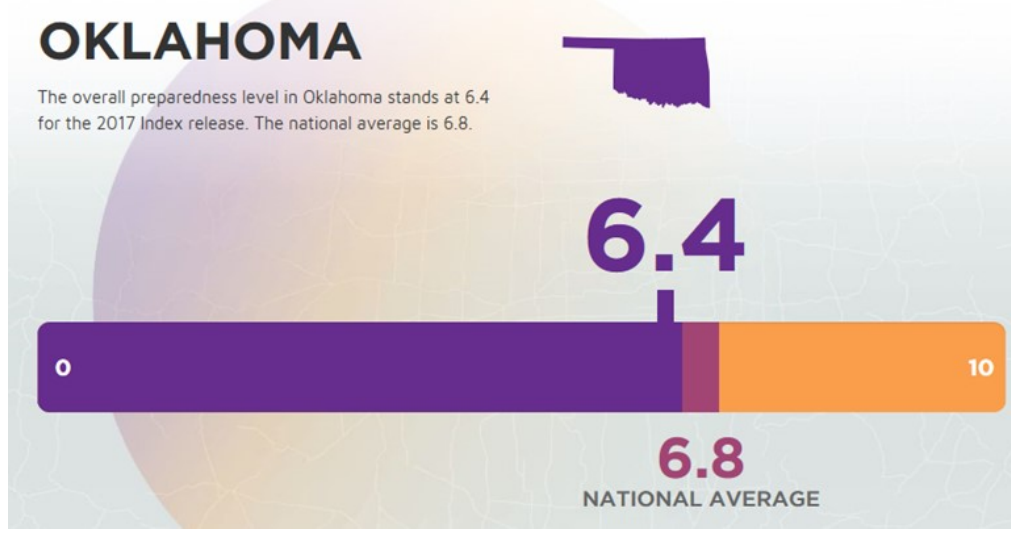




PHIO Weekly Update

Resource Updates



Source: The 2016 National Health Survey Preparedness Index <http://nhspi.org/states/oklahoma/>

We know, through the many coalitions working across the state to improve the health of Oklahomans, that our state excels at Community Planning and Engagement. And in fact, Oklahoma did outscore the national average for this measure based on the [2016 National Healthy Security Preparedness Index](#), despite our lagging overall preparedness level. So how can we further enhance our level of community planning and engagement to increase overall preparedness? It's important to review policies and programs that have evidence of success within our very own communities. Moore High School is leading the way with one such program, the [Safe and Sound Student Program](#). The program, which ranked first last year in a national competition for the promotion of school safety, was adopted to promote student and community dedication to the protection of learning environments. In May, Moore High School hosted a "prep rally" to engage students in the Safe and Sound Student Program and enhance preparedness through community collaboration. PHIO was honored to participate in the "prep rally" alongside other community partners and speak to students about the role of public health in community preparedness.



Jill Hazeldine (PHIO Director), Kenzie Lewis (Safe and Sound Student Representative) and Rhea Hughes (PHIO Staff) at the Moore High School "Prep Rally."



We asked Madelyn Haden, the president of Moore High School's Safe and Sound Student Program to briefly describe how the program got started and any implementation challenges they faced, what lessons were learned to increase the program's effectiveness from the first to second year and thoughts on whether this program could/should be implemented in more Oklahoma schools. Below is her insightful response:

The Safe and Sound Student Program at Moore High School was initiated after Mr. Mike Coyle selected a few students to attend a conference in which Michele Gay, mother of one of the children who lost their lives at Sandy Hook Elementary, was the keynote speaker. At this event, Mrs. Gay mentioned the high school program that the Sandy Hook foundation wanted to start, along with pertinent information regarding school safety and preventative measures. Mr. Coyle, our principal, allowed the student body that he had brought to discuss the possibility of starting a program like the one Michelle Gay spoke about among themselves- we collectively agreed that we would like to give the idea a shot.

One year later, we would never have imagined the success that the First Annual Safe and Sound "Prep Rally" brought to our school. With all of the publicity that we got in all of the positive reviews that we received both from the event speakers and from the student body, we decided to do this again. However, this was not an easy task. As students with no official backing, it was often difficult to get organizations and programs to take us seriously for the betterment of our school. For example, of the many of the programs and groups that we asked for participation, we only got about half of our emails returned. Even whenever we had our principal CCed on to our emails, and our official email with the school seal was sent out, it was difficult to get some groups to understand the importance and the legitimacy of our program. I believe that this will continue to be an issue until our Safe and Sound "Prep Rally" becomes implemented in more Oklahoma schools. Until the name can get out, and the cause can be appreciated by both the community and other schools, this event's potential will never be fully realized.

There is so much good that can be born from this program. It's amazing what a student body can do whenever they have a school's, and community's, support in promoting safety and education. I believe that if more Oklahoma schools initiated programs like ours, awareness would increase towards violence prevention, student protection, and community commitment towards protection. The old saying of "see something, say something" might even become revitalized.

[Click here](#) to submit your questions, comments and announcements to be shared in next week's news!

CHIO Collaborate

At the request of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the Oklahoma Office of Attorney General, Victim Services Unit, the 2017 Threshold of Transformation: State of Oklahoma Strategic Vision for Victim Safety Needs Assessment has been launched. Initial information gathering began in December 2016 which has led to the Phase II HIPAA-compliant survey which is being distributed via the link below throughout the State of Oklahoma and the Tribal Nations located within the state borders.

Please share this survey link with each of your respective employees, members, professional groups, and especially victims who have been served by your organization. The future sustainability for many of the services available throughout Oklahoma is dependent upon the successful completion and implementation of a statewide strategic plan for victim services. Your voice matters in these efforts. Our intent is to receive feedback from all facets of the criminal justice system, governmental agencies, service providers, victim/survivors, and community members at large.

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Threshold of Transformation: Strategic Vision for Victim Safety Survey Link
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/icidvsast>

Please ensure we reach stakeholders you believe can provide valuable insight. We need to have as many survivors as possible complete the survey; we are all here to support their road to safety and security. We will be hosting focus groups during 25-28 July 2017, conducting one-on-one interviews between now and September, and presenting findings at the 2017 Partners for Change Conference on 13-14 September.



News & Community Events

- Save the date for the **2017 Annual CHIO Meeting, August 31** at 1 pm, Marriott Conference Center at NCED
- **Kingfisher Community Collaborative, Inc.** is hosting a **Women's Heart Health Luncheon** on Wednesday **June 28th** from 11:30-1:00 at the Kingfisher First Baptist Church. See the invite at https://www.facebook.com/Kingfisher-Community-Collaborative-Inc-147567892525/?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser.
- **McCurtain County Coalition** and the Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board will be hosting community awareness and training events to bring Human Trafficking Information to McCurtain County. Events are scheduled for **June 29th**. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/Mccurtain-County-Coalition-for-Change-168447963340862/>
- Registration is open for the **Annual Turning Point Conference & Policy Day** scheduled for Aug 30 & 31 at the Marriott Conference Center at NCED in Norman! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/otpc-leading-together-2017-20th-annual-turning-point-conference-9th-annual-policy-day-tickets-32331894567>

