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Our Mission

To bridge government, academia, and communities in order to facilitate health improvement.

Resource Updates

The ***Build Healthy Places Network*** recently announced a new resource that supports cross-sector collaboration for the promotion of economic mobility and improved health outcomes. The centralized tool offers information on Federal Reserve Bank sponsored healthy community, cross-sector conferences, of which there have been more than 30 during the past seven years.

Oklahoma does not have a conference scheduled now but the site offers a step-by-step process for hosting a conference. Additionally, if you ever need to convince someone of the importance of cross-sector collaboration, this resource offers a list of valuable data sources that do just that.

Bookmark this resource!



1st Annual Neil Hann Award

The Oklahoma Turning Point Council Neil Hann award nominations will close on July 1st. In 2017, Neil retired from the Oklahoma State Department of Health as Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Community and Family Health Services where he assisted with the oversight of 68 county health departments and major program areas such as Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Previously, Mr. Hann was Director of the Community Development Service within the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), and oversaw six divisions including Turning Point – a statewide community engagement and health improvement initiative.

In February 1983, he began his career in public health as a health educator with the OSDH and was responsible for developing and implementing numerous community and worksite health promotion programs as well as statewide programs such as the Oklahoma Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). In 1994, he became the agency's first director of the Office of Tobacco Use Prevention, which was successful in developing the Tobacco Free Oklahoma Coalition and other tobacco use prevention initiatives. Hann has authored and co-authored several publications on public health topics. His other activities have included president of the Oklahoma Public Health Association, president of the national Directors of Health Promotion and Education, and chair of the *American Journal of Public Health* Editorial Board.

Neil was instrumental in the founding of the Public Health Institute of Oklahoma and we are honored to still have the opportunity to work with him as a board member. The Neil Hann Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to protecting

and promoting the health of Oklahomans by providing leadership, demonstrating a degree of innovation and creativity and inspiring collaboration. Help the Oklahoma Turning Point Council honor Neil's contributions and celebrate those who go above and beyond.



Nominate Someone Today!



CHIO Collaborate: Submit your Questions, Comments & Announcements to be shared in next week's news!

CHIO News & Community Updates

- Save the date for the **2017 Annual CHIO Meeting, August 31** at 1 pm, Marriott Conference Center at NCED
- 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>
- June 27th was **HIV Testing Day**. The OSDH reminds us that testing is available daily at county health departments and at upcoming events with the following community-based organizations: **Expressions Community Center**, in Oklahoma City, has testers available Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. They are located at 2245 N.W. 39th Street. **MAMA Knows**, in Ardmore, will be testing at the North Commerce Street Walgreens June 27-29

from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is hosting a webinar, **Building Health Equity: From Resources to Community Action**, on **June 29th** from 12:00-1:00 pm (CST). Register at <https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=b7jttmtip703&campaign=fjhvohtnplc2>
- **RAM Oklahoma 2017** is coming to Idabel **August 5th and 6th**. Free dental, vision and limited medical care will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis with no income qualifications at Idabel High School. For more information or to volunteer, visit <http://rhnok.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/RAMOK-Patient-Flyer-2017.pdf>.
- **TSET** Executive Director recently discussed the benefits and free resources available through the **OK Tobacco Helpline** on KOCO, see the interview at <http://www.koco.com/article/tset-uses-father-s-day-to-inspire-others-to-quit-smoking/10043027>.
- **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/?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser

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