

**Mission Statement:** Providing leadership through collaboration with all segments of the community for the well being of families and children.

**Our Vision:** All children in Dawson County will have the opportunity to become successful, contributing, productive, and self-sustaining adults.

## Our areas of focus:

### • CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

We will broaden community partnerships that will strengthen collaborative efforts to increase resources, activities and programs intended to create a safe, nurturing environment for children.

### • UNDERAGE DRINKING

We will partner with the school system, law enforcement and key stakeholders to educate the community and youth of the risks of underage drinking and promote healthy parenting behaviors that will increase protective factors that will lead to a healthy environment.

## Our Success Stories

- Initiated a partnership between Legacy Link, Dawson County Schools, & Family Connection to offer monthly KINSHIP CARE meetings; currently serving 25.
- Formed a SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION that hosted TWO community based prevention trainings in addition to promoting crisis lines, text lines, local, state, & national resources & mental wellness.
- Reached 600 middle & junior high students during 2018-19 with drug prevention education by providing TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS curriculum to school health classes.
- We've seen a 5% decrease in the number of high school students that drink alcohol since implementation of our SCHOOL & COMMUNITY BASED PREVENTION STRATEGIES that began in 2013.
- Coordinated the TEEN MAZE, a life simulation showing 300+ 9th grade students the consequences of their decisions. This was possible through the partnership with 63 community agencies and volunteers.
- Provided \$6,300.00 of basic needs & emergency assistance to vulnerable families & individuals as well as assisting dual-enrollment & beginning college students with career class supplies.
- We've reached 5% and now have a goal of reaching 10% of adults with the STEWARDS OF CHILDREN child sexual abuse prevention program. 1,094 trained, 656 to go!
- 45+ agencies working together to promote the well being of Dawson County through monthly COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS.

*Together we Thrive*