

OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

RISKY BEHAVIOR ISSUE TEAM



The Risky Behavior Issue Team is dedicated to working towards reducing the number of children and youth engaging in high-risk behaviors which lead to negative outcomes.

Why is this an issue for Oklahoma?

Every year on average

- ◆ 6,000 youth under age 19 drop out of high school in Oklahoma
- ◆ 24,000 arrests involve children or adolescents in Oklahoma



- ◆ More teens engage in smoking, alcohol use, sexual activity, violence, and weapon carrying than the national average in Oklahoma
- ◆ Approximately 18,900 new sexually transmitted infections in Oklahoma in 2011

The Risky Behavior Team focuses on both individual and community outcomes through:

Increasing

- ◆ Positive parent-child interaction
- ◆ Parenting and life skills
- ◆ Positive peer associations

Decreasing

- ◆ Use of alcohol and other drug use
- ◆ Intent to have sex or use drugs
- ◆ Rates of bullying behavior

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The Risky Behavior Issue Team Programs offered



Parenting & Teen Pregnancy/STDs

- Active Parenting for Teens
- Co-Parenting Through Divorce
- Youth and Families with Promise
- SmartSteps for Stepfamilies

School Dropout & Violence/Bullying

- Exercising Character
- Together for a Better Education
- Take a Stand - Bullying Curriculum
- Second Time Around



**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
EXTENSION EDUCATOR TO
SCHEDULE A RISKY BEHAVIOR**

Substance Abuse & Delinquent Peer Influence

- Character Critters
- Essential Elements of 4-H Youth Development
- Health Rocks
- Showing Character



PARTNERS

- Your Local County Educator
- OSU Extension Specialists
- Program Advisory Committee
- Various Partnering Organizations

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