

Summary: Survey of Critical Issues for Oklahomans completed by 4-H members attending the SE District Leadership Conference October 20-22, 2010.

Atoka:

- Drug abuse – more SWAT & DARE Programs (4)
- Not enough school funding – more fundraisers (2)
- Teenage pregnancy (4)
- Poverty (4)
- Community pride (3)
- Pollution
- Unemployment

Bryan:

- Kids who can't afford 4-H but want to join
- Membership in smaller clubs
- Activities for cloverbuds
- Community service projects
- Traffic (6)
- Elderly people need help (3)
- Poor laws
- Little community (2)
- Undisciplined kids (2)
- Transportation (3)
- Time issues
- Family issues
- Addictions, drugs (7)
- Alcohol (3)
- Gambling (3)
- Remote
- Little money
- Teen pregnancy (5)
- Fights (2)
- Bullying
- Drama
- Lack of support and family in some homes
- Lack of food for children (2)
- Unemployment
- Vandalism (2)
- Gas prices (2)

- Financial problems
- Changing, growing county
- Home town being the biggest drug town
- Lack of medical respondents
- Lack of parent care
- Car wrecks
- Poor roads
- No help when you report cars racing down your road – on one comes
- Never any cops around in the smaller towns
- No speed limits for dirt roads

Carter:

- Kids staying home by themselves (2)
- No food on weekends
- Positive activities after school to make kids make better decisions
- Kids finding free time
- Not enough money (4)
- Too scared to stand out (4)
- Lack of leadership
- Children having to take care of younger siblings (2)
- Positive after school activities (3)
- Not having enough food (3)

Choctaw:

- Lack of money
- Some students don't have transportation for extra-curricular activities
- Disputes between families
- Drugs
- Drinking and driving

Coal:

Haskell:

- Poverty (3)
- Alcohol (2)
- Teenage pregnancy (3)
- Hunger (2)
- Drugs (3)
- Education

- Tobacco

Hughes:

- Not enough food for the family (5)
- Family gets kicked out of houses and have nowhere to go
- Not enough jobs (5)
- Can't afford to put kids in school
- Child abuse (2)
- Divorce
- Poor housing options (not enough, falling apart) (4)
- Kids in school aren't learning enough about nutrition
- Schools need more programs done at them
- Alcohol abuse (3)
- Drugs (2)

Johnston:

- Drugs (13)
- Teen pregnancy (12)
- Killings
- Family problems
- Rape
- Divorce (3)
- Alcohol (9)
- No money (6)
- Child abuse (8)
- Animal cruelty
- Robbing
- Peer pressure (4)
- Underage drinking, partying (6)
- Obesity (3)
- STDs (3)
- Water (2)
- Disease
- Cancer
- Violence (2)
- Poaching
- Child neglect and health

Latimer:

- Lack of community pride (3)
- Lack of money (4)
- Lack of time (4)
- Lack of opportunities (3)
- Lack of self-discipline (3)
- Lack of responsibility
- Lack of respect to others
- Lack of effort

LeFlore:

- Teen pregnancy (8)
- Alcohol (6)
- Drugs (7)
- Dropping out of high school (2)
- Divorce (3)
- Gangs
- Bullying
- Tobacco (5)
- Dipping
- Sexual diseases
- Poverty (5)
- Health issues
- Murders
- Fighting

Love:

- Loss of jobs (4)
- Pollution (4)
- Accidents (2)
- Financial problems (4)
- Education (3)
- Tragedies (2)
- Not being able to enter your kids into a school

Marshall:

- Not enough food/hungry/starvation (5)
- Fights (5)

- Getting fired / Laid off (4)
- Gangs (6)
- Drugs (4)
- Alcohol (2)
- Teen pregnancy
- Obesity (2)
- Financial (3)
- Not enough money
- People not getting involved
- Drugs & driving

McCurtain:

- Poverty (2)
- Drugs
- No leadership
- Teen pregnancy (2)
- Gangs (2)
- Tobacco
- Grades that drop

Murray:

- Drug, alcohol, underage driving
- Bullying/hazing
- Poor communities
- Not enough youth-friendly jobs
- Theft & robbery/destruction of property

Pittsburg:

- Tobacco use in school
- Tobacco products
- Lack of youth public speaking skills
- Declining effort from students (no motivation)
- Unhealthy food choices
- Disrespect (2)
- Alcohol (underage drinking – 1) (11)
- Drugs (meth - 1) (14)
- Poverty (2)

- Roads
- Teen pregnancy (13)
- Drama
- Sex
- Not enough discipline
- Not enough dedication
- Education
- After school supervision
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics not implemented
- Bullying (4)
- Child abuse (3)
- Hunger (4)
- Pollution
- Health
- Not communicating with each other
- Fighting
- Kids don't apply themselves in school
- Obesity/childhood obesity (7)
- Needs not met
- No one cares
- Gambling (5)
- Parents splitting up
- Lack of money
- Lack of love
- Lack of responsibility to build character
- Litter by the road
- Selling of illegal stuff to minors

Pontotoc:

- Education (2)
- Health (6)
- Food cost (3)
- Childhood obesity (3)
- Childhood education
- Money issues (6)
- No moral support
- Parents too busy
- No one to look up to

- Morals (5)
- No parental support (4)
- Leaders are nonexistent (4)
- Healthy lifestyles (2)
- Parent Education
- Consumer Education
- Eating properly
- Drug and alcohol abuse (2)
- Child abuse
- Not enough food
- Pollution
- Not enough evangelism
- School dropouts
- Economy

Pottawatomie:

- Under funding in schools (2)
- Unemployment rate (3)
- Teen pregnancy (3)
- Drugs (3)
- Alcohol (3)
- High school dropout rate (3)
- Bullying
- Money
- Not communicating
- Not being friendly with other families
- Death toll
- Teachers pay

Pushmataha:

- Tobacco (2)
- Drugs (3)
- Poverty
- Weight issues /obesity (2)
- Lack of funding for education
- Lack of activities (2)
- Peer pressure into drugs
- Family spending money on drugs instead of mandatory items
- Teen pregnancy – peer pressure into sex (3)

- Foreclosure
- People buying animals, not able to buy feed
- Alcohol
- Bad sportsmanship
- Lack of jobs
- Lack of school functions and pride
- Drinking and driving (2)
- Littering
- Pollution
- Malnutrition

Seminole: