

Summer Newsletter

YOUTH Matters Camp

This summer, we launched a four week camp experience filled with discovery, creativity, endless fun and opportunities to grow. Designed for curious and energetic youth, our camp offered Foyil students in grades 6-8, the opportunity to try new activities, learn new skills and make lasting friendships.



Campers enjoy learning new skills in healthy living, communication & recreation!

Activities included taekwondo, art, games, music, storytelling, lessons on self-regulation plus life skills; and weekly field trips. Our dedicated team made sure every camper felt welcome, inspired, and had fun!



The Power of Our Choices

Last school year, our team collaborated with seven local schools; including Claremore Alternative Learning Center. RCYS Prevention specialist, Roxanne Bilby, facilitated a class with **Positive Action** curriculum. This program is designed to assist youth in developing a positive self-concept while educating them about the consequences of their choices.

"I love this program because it highlights the significance in the choices we make."

-Roxanne Bilby





Youths Receive Second Chance

Two youths are set to graduate from a new and potentially life-changing program. When a young person finds themselves in trouble with the law, the Diversion Program can offer them an alternative to court involvement. The 90-day program launched last fall in partnership with local law enforcement and other youth related agencies.

Why the need? Youths who successfully complete the program are much less likely to repeat criminal behavior and are more likely to become productive, contributing citizens.



“The diversion program is an opportunity for kids to learn from their mistakes and how to make better choices.”

**-Melodie Blevins
Prevention Specialist**

The program provides both accountability and support that leads to growth, personal responsibility and a future beyond the juvenile justice system. The goal is that program completion becomes both a second chance and a turning point in a young person's life. The RCYS diversion program is directed by Shala Padilla and is assisted by Melodie Blevins.

**SCHOOL'S OUT, BUT
OUR COUNSELORS &
PREVENTION TEAM ARE
HERE- READY TO HELP
YOUR CHILD OR TEEN.**

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your child or teen?
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