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Dawn Chernicky, Metro Area Coordinator

Dawn has served as Health and Physical Education Coordinator for Oklahoma City Public Schools from October 1, 2012 to present. Her educational pursuits began at the University of Arkansas in 1972 and continued through 1977, when she received her Masters' Degree in Education. Dawn moved to Oklahoma and entered her teaching career as a middle school physical science teacher. In September of 1979, Dawn accepted a position teaching elementary physical education, and continued in that role until September 2012.

Her academic accomplishments include: serving ten years as an Oklahoma A+ Fellow, member of the Educators Leadership Academy, Quail Creek Elementary "Teacher of the Year" and District Finalist, Cleveland Elementary "Teacher of the Year" and District Finalist and Cooperating Mentor Teacher for Oklahoma Christian University, University of Central Oklahoma, and Oklahoma City University.

Dawn's professional development includes: School Health Index Trainer of Trainers, Great Expectations, Professional Learning Communities, Core Knowledge, Oklahoma A+ Statewide Conferences, OAHPERD Statewide Conventions, and the AAHPERD National Convention. She has received scholarships to attend twelve Fall Arts Institutes and for a trip to Spain sponsored by the Fund for Teachers campaign. Dawn has received five "Great Idea" grants for curriculum and Ballroom Dance, and one from the Oklahoma Arts Council, for Ballroom Dance.

Dawn is presently serving as chairperson for the Physical Activity Sub-Committee for OKCPS District's Wellness Committee. She is a member of the WELLNESS NOW Coalition, and is event chair for the Physical Activity portion of the "Wiggle Out loud" Family Music Festival held each September. Her leisure pursuits include: fishing, golf, traveling, walking her dogs, and reading.