

# Cherokee

## Murphy Medical Center & Cherokee County Health Department

### Community Health Priorities & Key Strategies

#### Access to Care

- Appalachian Care Mission
- Partnership with Neighboring Counties

#### Tobacco Use

- Policy change on County property

#### Healthy Eating

- Continued partnership with farmers markets and roadside vendors
- Healthy corner stores



## Spotlight on Success

During June 2014 the Cherokee County Health Department was involved in the Appalachian Care Mission. This two week event was a partnership between the United States Department of Defense, NCORH, ARC, Murphy Medical Center, Health Departments of Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties and MedWest. A huge health priority identified in Cherokee County was access to care. During this mission over 8,000 people received Behavioral Health, Dental Care, Primary Care, and Optometry services between two sites in Cherokee County and Bryson City. This event was a great and record breaking success and allowed us to make great strides in beginning to address the issue of access to care while building partnerships to serve our community beyond this one event.

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