

**CENTRAL LOUISIANA INTERTRIBAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
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WOMEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS WALK

On Saturday, March 28, the Central Louisiana Intertribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program's Zwolle office held a walk to bring to the community's attention some women's health issues. Although it was a very cold and windy morning, over 57 participants showed up for the walk. The group had planned on walking wearing bright pink tee-shirts printed for the occasion, but most were bundled up in jackets, hats, and gloves.

The walk was organized by Amelia Bison, CLIVR counselor. Other staff members of CLIVR participating were Connie Walker, administrative assistant, and Mandi Vinson, counselor in the Leesville office.

Callie Wooley from **Project Celebration** brought brochures to hand out to the participants explaining the following free services offered by **Project Celebration**:

Taylor House for victims of domestic violence

Family Resource Center provides family planning

Families in Need of Services intervenes in troubled families

Sexual Assault provides information for rape victims

Addictive Disorder Outreach provides outpatient services,

Anger Management Therapy Groups for those referred by the District Attorney's Office

Materials were also furnished by the following:

Roy Strickland, D.C. provided copies of Better Nutrition magazines

DeSoto Regional Health System—Amber Cartinez—provided information on Women's Health

Freda Ebarb, Tribal Member, led the group in a prayer of thanksgiving and **Jake Rivers**, CLIVR Board Member and Deputy Sheriff, led the group in stretching exercises prior to the walk.

Also present and participating in the walk were Choctaw Apache Council Members **Ione Durr**, **Joan Sepeda**, and **Virginia Malmay**.

In spite of the cold weather the walk was considered a great success.

