

*Family and Consumer
Sciences*

Information Items



Health Disparities

- ▶ **Background** –A regional meeting of FCS Program Leaders and Specialists will be held to:
 - Provide professional development;
 - Explore opportunities for multi–state and interdisciplinary efforts; and
 - Form teams to write proposals for funding, development or adoption of health curricula.

- ▶ **Committee Involved** – FCS

- ▶ **Time Line** – September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2010.



EFNEP 40th Anniversary Celebration

- ▶ Background – Studies show that people who run out of food or miss meals because they cannot afford them are among the most obese. EFNEP is a nutrition education program that reaches these “high risk” individuals through tried and true lessons and activities taught in peer-to-peer fashion by program assistants who understand how to feed a family on a tight budget. To acknowledge it’s 40th Anniversary, a national celebration will be held in Washington, DC at the Whitten Building from noon to 2:00 pm. Participants, volunteers and program personnel will be recognized. States will be requested to support travel for their award recipients and develop local celebrations. PLN Planning committee is encouraged to incorporate an EFNEP Anniversary cake during the 2009 meeting.
- ▶ Committee Involved – Family & Consumer Sciences
- ▶ Time Line – March 10, 2009



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Community of Practice: Families, Food and Fitness

- ▶ **Background** – Families, Food and Fitness is a funded eXtension Community of Practice. This CoP was developed as a response to the Southern Region Extension Directors' priority to address obesity prevention as well as the need to address the number one health issue in the country.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – FCS
- ▶ **Timeline** – Ongoing



Summary

- ▶ EFNEP 40th Anniversary Celebration
- ▶ eXtension Community of Practice: Families, Food & Fitness

