

Family & Consumer Sciences

Information Items



Health Disparities Conference

- **Background** - A regional meeting (approved by AEA/ASRED in 2007) of FCS/4H/CRD/ANR State Leaders, Specialists and Agents will meet in spring 2010 to:
 - Provide professional development in the area of health disparities and community health
 - Explore opportunities for multi-state and interdisciplinary efforts
 - Form teams to write proposals for funding, development or adoption of health curricula across the region
- **Committee Involved** – FCS
- **Time Line** – April 20-22, 2010 in Mobile, Alabama



FCS Capacity Inventory

- **Background:** The majority of institutions have lost extension specialist positions in the southern region due to recent budget reductions in most states. There is a critical need to assess capacity to address current and emerging issues.
 - FCS will create an inventory of specialists in each state in southern region
 - Determine feasibility and potential for sharing positions
 - Determine feasibility of inviting other states to in-service training via the FCS listserv
 - Link faculty in each state to SRPLN website
- **Committee Involved – FCS**
- **Time Line – Due by Dec. 31, 2009**



FCS/4-H Collaboration

- **Background:** Given the current common programmatic priorities of 4-H and FCS, we plan to continue the dialogue about possible collaborations to improve the lives of youth and families in the southern region in the areas of obesity and resource management
- **Committees Involved:** FCS and 4-H
- **Time Line:** August, 2009-August 2010

