

## SRPLN FCS State Report 2012

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**Reporting Institution:** ✓ 1862 \_\_\_\_\_ 1890 (check one)

**Name of Institution:** UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA - IFAS

**Budget Situation:**

Research and Extension funding was kept constant from the previous year. R&E are funded separately from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) which was affected by a \$36M cut to the University of Florida. The cut to CALs budget was offset to a small degree by changes in the Research and Extension budgets. Thus there is a slight reduction in the Extension budget for 2012-2013 funding cycle.

**Staffing Update (field and state office):**

The Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences added two new assistant professors with extension appointments. During July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, we had 77 county agents employed with partial or full FCS responsibility, plus two departures we are now trying to fill, and two frozen positions. We have job offers out to fill the two departures, Leon and Walton counties, and when these are filled, we will have 79 FCS agents and two frozen positions (Palm Beach and Duval counties). Thus we have not lost any ground. Polk county is working with us to add an FCS agent there, so we will gain one position if that happens.

**Top 3 Program Highlights of Current Year:**

Program	Collaborators	Impacts
Childcare provider continuing education program (RADUNOVICH)	Local Early Learning Coalitions across the state.	Over 300 childcare providers annually are able to receive low cost, research-based continuing education to help them better serve the children in their care, and are able to maintain their state certification or licensure so that they may continue to work in their profession. This program increases both the availability and the quality of childcare in Florida.

<p>Take Charge of Your Diabetes (a diabetes self-management education program for persons with type 2 diabetes) (BOBROFF)</p>	<p>Health professionals in local communities, who team teach the curriculum with Extension faculty.</p>	<p>Increased knowledge, improved behaviors related to diabetes self-management (e.g., carbohydrate counting, self-monitoring of blood glucose), and improvements in hemoglobin A1C values.</p>
<p>Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Family Nutrition Program(FNP) both provide nutrition education to income eligible Florida residents. (WALSH)</p>	<p>In addition to state partnerships, collaborations exist with a variety of community organizations in over forty Florida counties such as school districts, food pantries, shelters, congregate meal sites, and libraries.</p>	<p>Increased knowledge and improved behavior related to food resource management, nutrition, food preparation, food safety, and gardening.</p>
<p>Obesity Prevention in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults (SHELNUTT)</p>	<p>Teachers in schools and after school programs.</p>	<p>Increased knowledge about nutrition and healthy behaviors. Increased intent and adapt more healthy behaviors.</p>
<p>Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education: To make all agriculture within the state of Florida more sustainable economically, environmentally and socially. (SWISHER)</p>	<p>FAMU; Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Office of Food, Nutrition and Wellness; State University of New York at Buffalo; College of Fine Arts; College of Journalism; Office of Sustainability; Shands Hospitals; Polytechnic University of Madrid; Florida Department of Education; Natural Resources Conservation Service; SARE Fellows Program</p>	<p>Over 600 farmers received educational materials at various exhibitor events. Over 50 extension agents incorporated sustainable agriculture into their programming after attending trainings. 7 regional networking groups were formed. 100 students learned about food insecurity and impacts on local food systems.</p>

GRandS (Grandfamily Resilience and Sustainability)	MorseLife; Legal Aid Relative Caregiver Project of Palm Beach Co.; Pediatric Partners; Research Council of Palm Beach; Foster and Adoptive Parents Association-FAPA; Solid Waste Authority; Financial Angels Program	Improvements in parenting and family functioning. Competence in obtaining informal/formal support, more confident in expressing needs to service providers, better understanding of legal terms and legal options.
Homeflow	USDA	Training curriculum for use to assist in decision making when purchasing new homes.

**New or Unique Collaborations and/or Funding Sources:**

<p>A grant has been received from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in order to increase the availability of childcare curricula, and training on the curricula. It also seeks to enhance Cooperative Extension’s collaboration with other state agencies and resources to increase the scope of quality childcare training in Florida. The goal of these collaborations is to better serve military families living off-base who require quality childcare, but the program also positively impacts all children and families in the selected counties. (RADUNOVICH)</p>	<p>This program is self-funded through fees obtained at the local level, as well as Extension funds at the state level. New funding (as described in the previous section) has recently added to the funding availability for this program (\$45,000).</p>
<p>HeadStart, Florida Interagency Food and Nutrition Committee (FIFNC), Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, The Department of Education and School Administration, and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences (FDACS) (WALSH)</p>	<p>EFNEP is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered through NIFA. FNP is funded through a federal and state partnership between FNS and the Department of Children and Families.</p>

A partnership with the Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services to implement a Florida Farm to School Program. The Department of Horticulture (SHELNUTT)

Florida Department of Agriculture \$3.2 million.

Florida Department of Education; Polytechnic University of Madrid; Shands Hospitals; Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Office of Food, Nutrition and Wellness; State University of New York at Buffalo; College of Fine Arts; College of Journalism; SARE Fellows Program (SWISHER)

United States Department of Agriculture via Southern Regional SARE Program operated through University of Georgia and The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture; SARE Fellows Program -University of Wyoming

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