

SRPLN FCS State Report 2012

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Name of Institution: Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center

Budget Situation:

The budget decrease for higher education in the State of Louisiana has resulted in programmatic and major personnel changes. As with most organizations such as the SU Ag Center, our budget is approximately 85% personnel, no students; thus there are no discretionary funds.

Staffing Update (field and state office):

- Replacing one Nutrition position: Avoyelles/Evangeline
- Two new positions for the gardening project; East Baton Rouge/ Extension Associate-Community Gardener and a program assistant.

How Institution is Addressing the Situation:

The FCS programs are intact; however, we are uncertain about future programs and hires. SUAREC continues their state contracts with governmental and state agencies which include; the Department of Children and Families and USDA. FCS Specialists/Extension Educators are relentlessly writing grants to sustain and promote programs.

Top 3 Program Highlights of Current Year: (program, collaborators, and impacts)

Family and Human Development

- Parents Preparing for Success Program will continue its six week parenting training with the Department of Children and Families. SUAREC's parent educators demonstrate and provide parent and financial management education information to expecting mothers and those with children under one years of age. The program enables parents to become successful parents and self-sufficient citizens.
- The 4-H LIFE Program which conducts its workshops using the 4-H curriculum. Through these workshops the program educates inmates and their families to renew relationships. The program has successfully impacted family through visitations and structured session activities organized to enhance the cohesiveness of inmates and their children. Attending these workshop sessions, 74 inmates and 105 children gain skills in family communication, responsibility, and safety.
- Communities of Color Network is a tobacco initiative that has been awarded funding for the last three years to SU Ag Center to continue their efforts of implementing tobacco education programs (2012-2013). The primary objectives during the 2011 program year

were to establish a 100% tobacco free environment; provide services and educational programming to more than 35,000 constituents and conducted approximately 378 workshops, booth displays, etc.

- Food Demonstration Videos will continue during this program year in collaboration with LSU Ag Center EFNEP Program. These “How to Videos” will be posted to YouTube with the expectation of raising nutrition awareness, reaching more families and communities statewide.

New or Unique Collaborations and/or Funding Sources:

- ❖ Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
- ❖ La WIC/Breastfeeding Collaboration
- ❖ Louisiana Head Start Association
- ❖ Department of Health and Hospitals-Emergency Preparedness

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