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Program Highlights of Current Year:

- Planning underway for the Priester National Health Conference, Mobile, April 2010
- Celebrated EFNEP 45th Anniversary and continue to develop EFNEP history
- Presented EFNEP program:
  - 40th Anniversary History of EFNEP in Washington, D.C.
    (Received $12,000 contract for EFNEP in Washington, D.C.)
  - Cornell University
  - Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia
- *Save the Children* continues in three counties this year
- Conducted second Better Processing School (FDA approved)
- Collaborated with state attorney general’s office on *Heir Property* education
- Partnered with ADECA to provide career development/training for displaced workers, due to plant closings
- *Care Givers* training continued successfully across Alabama. The curriculum that we developed is being sought after by other universities.
- Continued to train *Community Health Advisors (CHA’s)*, targeting obesity
- Conducted 8th Annual Diabetes Conference
- Conducted ServSafe classes (required by ADPH) throughout the state
- Updated the *Master Food Preserver* manual and conducted classes throughout the state due to downturn of the economy
- Continued *Thriving Through Challenging Times* monthly series in all program areas
- Conducted High School Financial Literacy training in partnership with the State Department of Education
- Partnered with APTV for a five-year national literacy initiative – *PBS KIDS Raising Readers.*
- Development in progress for an Extension Dietetic Internship
- Started on plans for *America Saves* (kickoff February, 2010)
- Hosted 85th meeting of NEAFCS –
  - Speaker at NEAFCS Meeting in Birmingham, AL
- Participated and chaired Community of Practice: Care Givers; Food Safety; Health; and Food and Fitness
- Development in process for Chilton Food Innovation Center – a community food processing kitchen.

Personnel Update:

Budgets restraints have made it impossible to replace personnel who leave and/or retire at this time. Limited-term positions replace full-time, permanent positions. Loss of two positions due to retirement; one regional health agent resigned.
Budget Update:
We received no increase/decrease in salaries; no furloughs. However, state is operating under 12% proration which affects travel and programming. Restructuring of EFNEP program being considered because of retirement of supervisory agent.

New or Unique Collaborations and/or Funding Sources:

Consumer Science & Personal Financial Management:
- ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION;
  Investor Protection Trust
  - HEIR PROPERTY
  - ESTATE PLANNING
- Investor Education Fund
  - YLAMMS – Youth Learning About Money Management Skills
- AMERICA SAVES
  - Consumer Federation of America
- NEFE-National Endowment for Financial Education’s High School Financial Planning Program
- HONDA FOUNDATION
- CHILDREN’S TRUST FUND OF ALABAMA Prison Program
- HEAD START agreements with community action groups
- RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP – Talladega County-AU Outreach

Family and Child Development:
- SAVE THE CHILDREN – Tutorial Literacy (After school, in-school and one-on-one tutoring)
- HEAD START agreements with community action groups
- COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE – CARE GIVERS – PPT Coordinator Jatunn Gibson served as leader of this group
- ALABAMA COMPREHENSIVE CANCER COALITION - ADPH
- APTV PBS KIDS RAISING READERS PROJECT
  - No funds, but $10,000 value in donated program materials

Food Safety, Preparation and Preservation:
- COST RECOVERY – FEE FOR SERVICE
  ServSafe Workshops – statewide
  Child Nutrition Program
  Restaurants
- BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL – national
- Court-ordered counseling for parents
- HEAD START agreements with community action groups
• COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE – PPT Coordinator Jean Weese served as chair of this committee

Human Nutrition, Diet & Health:
• ALABAMA RADON PROGRAM: EPA ADPH ACES
• HEALTHY HOMES: Links resources of HUD Healthy Homes with USDA/CSREES
  Public outreach education program
  Goal: To address housing-based health and safety risks
• HEAD START agreements with community action groups
• AL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: CANCER DIVISION, DIABETES BRANCH AND WOMEN’S HEALTH INSTITUTION, as well as the Minority Health Division
• AL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CHILDHOOD OBESITY ALLIANCE
• COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE – HEALTH – PPT Coordinator K. Harris-Huntley is active member; Dr. Tajeu, J. Dutton and T. Warren also serve as committee leadership

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