

SRPLN FCS State Report 2011

Reporting Institution: ___ 1862 ___ 1890 (check one)

Name of Institution Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center

Budget Status:

The budget reduction for higher education in the State of Louisiana has resulted in major programmatic and personnel changes. As with most organizations such as the SU Ag Center, our budget is approximately 85% personnel, no students (lack revenue from tuition increase) thus there is very little discretionary funds.

How is the Institution Addressing the Situation?

Our FCS programs are intact, retirement educators have not been replaced and we are uncertain about future hires. However, the status of state contracts is presently been funded by the Department of Children and Families. SUAREC FCS Specialist/Extension Educators are writing grants to sustain and promote programs.

Staffing Update (field and state office):

- Replacing two Nutrition positions: East Baton Rouge/East Feliciana and Avoyelles/Evangeline
- Two new positions for the military grant project; East Baton Rouge/ Extension Associate-Community Gardener and a program assistant.
- Two part-time family educators (East Baton Rouge/St. Landry were hired for the 4H LIFE Program.

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

Nutrition

- Breastfeeding Collaboration with La WIC – Field Agents, Nutrition Educators and Parenting Educators were trained in a train the trainer format to enhance breastfeeding promotion throughout the state of Louisiana.
- Food Demonstration Videos (collaboration with LSU AgCenter EFNEP Program) – how to videos will be posted to YouTube. This is our attempt at embracing new and emerging technology with nutrition.

Military Families

- The program has reached approximately 110 youth in three parishes, which include East Baton Rouge, Orleans, and Rapides. Attendance is predicted to increase for the fall gardens, which will be implemented as an out-of-school time project once school reconvenes.
- Young children have exhibited changes in eating habits. Prior to the program, youth indicated they did NOT eat vegetables. Now, after seeing the outcome of their hand-planted produce, they are more likely to eat fresh vegetables and fruit.

Family and Human Development

- Parents Preparing for Success Program was continued with the Department of Children and Families
- 4-H LIFE Program
- Implementing the USDA Grant: “Preparing Families for Health and Wealth Challenges”.
- Emergency preparedness program continuing Statewide
- Communities of Color Network is a tobacco initiative that has been awarded a grant to SU Ag Center to continue their efforts of implementing tobacco education programs (2011-2012). This program has provided services and educational programming to approximately 30,000 constituents and conducted approximately 350 workshops, booth displays, etc. during the 2010-2011

New or Unique Collaborations and/or Funding Sources:

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

- ❖ The SUAREC has sub-contracts with LSU, MSU, and ASU, which were developed to strengthen and/or build new working relationship with other 1862 Institutions. To date, the partnerships are going well.

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