

Reporting Institution:

Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service

Family and Consumer Sciences

SR-PLN Annual Report



SRPLN Family & Consumer Sciences Committee

2011 State Report

[Name of Institution](#) (please indicate 1862 or 1890)

1862 --- Oklahoma State University; Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service

[Briefly describe your current budget situation](#)

Oklahoma has managed the economic recession related cuts with success. We have not lost county positions but have not been able to replace 3 state level FCS specialist positions. This new fiscal year has brought a combination of a relatively small budget reduction (around 5%) but it also brought a merit raise of 3% for all university employees.

Snap-Ed changes in its allocation to Oklahoma also changed our level of funding within the current fiscal year. So far we have been able to postpone any potential losses in filled positions for nutrition education and have frozen the unfilled positions to meet budgetary cuts.

Our Parent Child Connection program also received a 5% reduction from the state for FY 12. We reduced the scope of the project by eliminating a program site.

Overall OCES-FCS has performed quite well given the current economic recession.

[Briefly describe your staffing situation - field and state office](#)

Field/county level:

We have 37 FCS Educators with 50/50 split with 4-H and we have 39 FCS educators at 90% FCS and 10% 4-H

The Community Nutrition Education Program [CNEP] incorporates grant/formula funding Extension educators and staff: 68 FTE NEAs [60.5 SNAP ED / 20.5 EFNEP]; 6 Area Coordinators.

The Parent-Child Connections [PCC] project also employs 1 coordinator and 14 paraprofessionals.

State:

We currently have 8 State Extension Specialists and 6 Extension-funded Staff

How is your institution addressing the situation?

Right now we are not hiring any state specialists and are prudently refilling some county positions.

List 3 program highlights of the current year (program, collaborators, impacts)

Healthy Oklahoma impact team's *Farm to You* exhibit was the 2010 Children's Health Champion and recipient of the Dr. Rodney Huey Memorial Champion of Oklahoma Health award, the highest honor of the Champions of Health awards. This exhibit reached 19,600 youth with to promote better nutrition-related behaviors.

Family Economic Well Being impact team showed improvements in financial management practices including a reduction in their debt levels and the use of credit, and attend asset building classes.

Family Resiliency impact team showed that 62-87% of children increased positive behaviors such as: being considerate and helpful to others, accepting responsibility for actions, cooperating and working well with others, expressing needs and feelings appropriately, thinking before acting, resolving peer problems on their own, understanding consequences of behavior, and listening to and understanding other people's feelings. Impact evaluations were submitted by classroom teachers, child care providers, and youth workers who received or used the *I Can Problem Solve* program with their classrooms or groups.

Please describe new or unique collaborations and/or funding sources.

The College has changed names and is now the "College of Human Sciences." We have developed 10 new issue teams across program areas in Extension which also allowed us to engage more resident faculty in applied research and extension Programming. Our issue teams are: Hunger, health, Environment, Safety, Finances, Employment, Family Breakdown, High-Risk Behaviors, Resilience and Agri-Science.

A **SustainAbility** initiative is under development as well. See:

<http://humansciences.okstate.edu/sustainability>

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