

## SRPLN FCS State Report 2011

**Reporting Institution:** \_\_\_1862 \_\_\_1890 (check one)

**Name of Institution:** Tennessee State University

### **Budget Status:**

There has been some decrease in funding. However, receiving matching funds from the state has allowed some leverage to cushion programs.

### **How is the Institution Addressing the Situation?**

The School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences Cooperative Extension Program at Tennessee State University has been very conservative with its expenditures. There are enough available funds that allow for maintaining current programs and expanding programs on smaller levels to include employing additional program assistants.

### **Staffing Update (Field and State Office):**

No new family and consumer sciences personnel have been hired at Tennessee State University. However, plans are underway to employ one program assistant for EFNEP and two county educators for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Ed program.

### **Top Three Program Highlights of Current Year: (program, collaborators, and impacts)**

- 1. Emergency Food Preparedness When Disaster Strikes** is a program designed to be conducted when power outages make it difficult to keep food cold enough to consume, and to properly heat. Flood waters or environmental substances may contaminate foods in homes making it harmful to eat. Participants were trained to know how to respond when a disaster occurs that may affect their well being via food-borne illness. They were trained to prepare and maintain emergency food kits in the event of a disaster. A curriculum was designed "What Will You Do When a Disaster Strikes?" It was developed in collaboration with Jackson State Community College and RTI International. Funding was provided by the National Integrated Food Safety Initiative, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and US Department of Agriculture.
- 2. Healthy Aging: Mind, Body and Spirit!** focuses on elder care. Senior seminars have been conducted. More than 1,408 have participated. Collaborators are community leaders and faith-based organizations. Data collection methods consisted of administering surveys to participants. More than 89 percent of participants reported applying interpersonal and healthy aging skills. Ninety-seven percent reported moving more and making healthier choices.

**3. Caregivers Education** – Tennessee State University collaborated with the states of Alabama A&M State, Auburn, University of Georgia, Clemson, Southern University, North Carolina, and University of Tennessee to sponsor a conference that was held in Nashville, TN during the fall of 2010. As a result of the conference, training has been conducted to provide caregivers with tools needed to equip them about where to seek community resources, start support groups.

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

Tennessee State University has written a proposal to receive funding to continue the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed). Work will be conducted in three urban counties within the State. The funding amount is almost \$500,000.

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