

SRPLN FCS State Report 2013

Reporting Institution: ___ 1862 X 1890 (check one)

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. The SU Ag Center received some one time funds from the last legislative session.

Staffing Update (field and state office):

- Replacing one Nutrition position: Avoyelles/Evangeline
- Replacing one agent in Family and Consumer Sciences, Lafayette/Acadia Parishes
- 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 our 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 4 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 is now in its third year and continues to conduct 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, inmates and 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 four years to SU Ag Center to continue their efforts of implementing tobacco education programs (2012-2014). The implementation of this program has afforded the Community of Color Network an opportunity to establish a 100% tobacco free environment; provide services and educational programming to constituents and conducted workshops, booth displays, etc.

□ Southern University Ag Center collaboration with LSU AgCenter sponsored a program entitled “Creating Healthy and Enjoyable Foods (C.H.E.F.). The cooking school was designed to teach youth basic cooking principles and nutrition education according to the USDA MyPlate and the 2010 Dietary Guidelines. The programs are presently being replicated Calcasieu, Madison, East Carroll and West Carroll Parishes of the State.

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
- ❖ SU and LSU Ag Centers collaborated on the development How to and YouTube Videos, used for nutrition awareness, and reaching more families and communities statewide.
- ❖ Southern University System(five campuses) : 100 % Tobacco Free

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