

SRPLN FCS State Report 2012

Reporting Institution: 1862 1890 (check one)

Name of Institution _____ **University of Tennessee** _____

Budget Situation:

University of Tennessee has funded a 1.5% across the board increase as well as a 1.5% merit pool for 2013-14. Currently, there is a hiring freeze on new positions until more information/decisions are finalized regarding the federal budget.

Staffing Update (field and state office):

Dr. Laura Stephenson has assumed the role of Professor and Assistant Dean for Family and Consumer Sciences beginning July 1, 2013.

Dr. Shirley Hastings will serve in a post-retirement role as Director, Strategic Planning to work to continue implementation of the Extension Strategic Plan to prepare for future growth, advance Tennessee through innovative programs, invest in human capital, maximize organizational efficiency and increase visibility.

Dr. Denise Brandon, Human Development Extension Faculty retired as of June, 2013.

Dr. Matthew Devereaux, Child Development Extension Faculty, was promoted to Professor.

There are eight faculty, 20 state staff, 98 county agents, 3 Regional Program Leaders, 4 EFNEP Area Specialists and 64 paraprofessional staff currently providing support for FCS programs in Tennessee.

How Institution is Addressing the Situation:

Currently a faculty search is in progress for the vacant Human Development Specialist position. Vacant county FCS positions are being filled based upon state Extension budget allocations. Currently eight counties have FCS vacancies.

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

- Implemented two evidence-based programs *Living Well with Chronic Conditions* and *Take Charge of Your Diabetes* in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Health. 169 workshop leaders were trained and certified/recertified to present the *Living Well with Chronic Conditions* program statewide. Piloted *Take Charge of Your Diabetes* through the TennCare Managed Care Organizations (MCO) and Tennessee Department of Health's Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. 149 workshop leaders were trained

County Extension staff worked with the MCO's to accept client referrals for participation in the diabetes outreach classes.

- The 2013 Family and Consumer Sciences Professional Development Conference, "Leveling Up: Capitalizing on Excellence" featured noted speakers and authors Sam Davidson, Beth Blevins, and Deb Solfield. Programs that work, educational exhibits and educational breakout sessions were showcased that focused on the concept of leveling up skills, experiences, knowledge and partnership potential to promote FCS excellence. 149 FCS professionals participated in the three day conference.
- On My Own is an engaging financial simulation for students ages 13 through 18 conducted statewide by Extension county staff. During the simulation, students become the primary income provider for the household and are responsible for all living expenses including food, housing, clothing, transportation, taxes, utilities, medical expenses, entertainment and childcare. Eighty percent of the nearly 30,000 participants in FY 12 discover the correlative relationships of occupation, education, and income and learn how to better plan their spending. This impactful program has reached well over 250,000 students in communities across Tennessee since its inception in 2000.

New or Unique Collaborations and/or Funding Sources:

FCS Extension and UT Department of Child and Family Studies faculty serve as co-directors of the Center for Parenting (C4P). The Center staff are in the final development stages of a web-based resource for parenting education professionals. The site will include training opportunities and on-line parenting resources to support over 400 parent educators in Tennessee.

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