

Reporting Institution:

**Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service**

***Family and Consumer Sciences***

SR-PLN Annual Report



## **SRPLN Family & Consumer Sciences Committee**

### **2013 State Report**

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

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

[Briefly describe your current budget situation](#)

FY 14 saw a small reduction of our operations and maintenance budgets. However, FCS county educator positions except for one county remained a high priority for funding and refilling where vacant.

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

**Field/county level:** We have 41 FCS Educators with 50/50 split with 4-H and we have 36 FCS educators at 90% FCS and 10% 4-H. The Community Nutrition Education Program [CNEP] incorporates grant/formula funding Extension educators and staff: 47 FTE NEAs [60.5 SNAP ED / 20.5 EFNEP]; 7 Area Coordinators.

**State:** We currently have 6 State Extension Specialists and added 5 Extension-funded resident faculty to the team.

[How is your institution addressing the situation?](#)

We continue to recruit candidates for open FCS positions. There is a shortage of applicants with FCS degrees. Therefore we are coordinating extension internships for students in our new FACS Ed major at OSU to entice them to seek careers in extension.

[List 3 program highlights of the current year \(program, collaborators, impacts\)](#)

#### **Growing Strong Bodies and Minds**

The curricula promotes the development of healthful food preferences, physically active lifestyles and literacy skills in young children by using pre-reading and reading strategies to teach nutrition and health messages.

- 3,336 youth across the state participated in this program.
- In addition to increasing their knowledge of healthy foods, the students discuss the foods they eat during lunch and talk to their families about the new foods they try.

## **Dollar Decisions**

Participants work alongside community banks to create spending plans and savings accounts

- Oklahoma ranks 42<sup>nd</sup> in unbanked houses; nearly 44% of Oklahoma households are considered “asset poor”.
- Participants work alongside bankers to introduce the use of technology to better track their income and expenses.

## **Oklahoma Co-parenting for Resilience**

Children whose parents divorce are often traumatized, especially when those parents inadvertently use their children to get back at their spouse or when their anger and hurt spills over into their relationship with their child.

- Oklahoma ranks among the top five in all states for number of divorces.
- The program has been commended by the state’s Administrative Office of the Courts and is seen as an important resource by many judges.

[Please describe new or unique collaborations and/or funding sources.](#)

We are collaborating with the OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa. We opened an Extension education office in their teaching hospital so we can have direct access to their patients and families (also hospital staff) to teach courses on a variety of FCS topics.

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