



2008 JCEP Concurrent Sessions Celebrating Our Uniqueness

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101 “Serving Health Insurance with School Lunch: Early Lessons Learned from a New Strategy for Reaching Uninsured Children”

Covering Kids & Families-Wisconsin will share its experiences from The CHILD Project, a three-year effort which aims to connect the outreach, application and enrollment processes for schools' free and reduced price lunch with the state's Family Medicaid programs. This workshop will explore the key “benchmark moments” involved in the implementation of the project along with the barriers, opportunities and lessons learned during the project's first year. Participants will learn about the process of connecting these two valuable programs and will leave with samples of the intervention materials that will be incorporated into a toolkit for use throughout Wisconsin.

Roberta Riportella, Association Professor and Health Policy Specialist and Jackie Carattini, Family Living Agent, Marathon County UW-Extension

102 “Working Together to Support Families in Drug Court”

Counties throughout Wisconsin have created drug courts to help deal with overcrowded jails and to provide better services to non-violent criminal offenders in need of alcohol and drug abuse treatment. “...the goal of each program is to enhance services for participants and reduce recidivism” (2007 St. Croix Co. Drug Court Report, Amber Perry, Drug Court Coordinator). In response to numerous requests, UW Extension resources in financial literacy and/or parent education are now a part of the drug court program in Barron, Chippewa and St. Croix Counties. FLE's will share three different experiences developing partnerships and delivering family living education to this audience.

Mary Geissler, FLE, Chippewa County, Linda Heppner, FLE, Barron County, Joan Sprain, FLE, St. Croix County

103 “Crash: Cultural dialogue based on popular media”

Follow-up to CRASH Movie shown on Tuesday. The Developing Multicultural Understanding Work Team invites you to view clips from “Crash” and discuss how race and culture often put up an inadvertent smoke screen to diffuse communication and decision making. What can Extension professionals do to create an environment for open discussion as we work with communities, committees, to Develop Multicultural Understanding?

Annie Hobson, Buffalo County, Jean Berger, Marathon County, Tim Talen, 4-H Arts and Communications Specialist

104 “Economic Cost and Labor Efficiencies Associated with Rearing Dairy Herd Replacements on Wisconsin Dairy Farms and Custom Heifer Rearing Operations” or (Cost of Raising Dairy Replacements)

The cost of raising dairy calves and replacement heifers is the second largest expense on Wisconsin dairy farms. Calculating the cost of raising dairy calves and heifers is an essential part of dairy business management. The dairy industry also depends on a set of benchmark cost of production data in which individual business costs, labor needs and management efficiencies can be compared. A survey conducted on 49 dairy farms and custom calf and heifer raising operations across the state during the summer of 2007 evaluated the current economic costs and labor efficiencies associated with rearing dairy herd replacements in Wisconsin.

Abby Huibregtse, Oconto County and Steve Huntzicker, La Crosse County

105 “Facilitating Inquiry through Science Experiments”

Inquiry asks questions that leads to exploration and discovery of the world in which we live.

WI 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (S.E.T.) offers this workshop of hands on experiments as a way to learn how to facilitate inquiry. The inquiry and facilitation skills learned in this workshop is applicable to all program areas. Cooperative Extension is in a unique position for educating our youth and adults how to be critical thinkers.

Chuck Prissel, Polk County and Sally Bowers, Dane County

106 Fringe Benefits Questions and Answers

The topic of fringe benefits, while a blessing, can also be a bit confusing or sometimes seem overwhelming. Questions are always emerging, in part because things change over our careers, and in our lives...pre-retirement and retirement updates, dividends, tax sheltered annuities, insurance options, sick leave policies and conversion to insurance premiums, among other items. This informal session will tap our Institution's specialists to get answers to as many commonly held questions as possible. Come, and see if you can stump the experts!

Jeanne Stuckert, University Benefits Specialist

201 “Connecting with Families”

Good early care and education programs help children grow and learn, but GREAT programs strengthen families’ commitment to child development. The 5-session Connecting with Families curriculum provides Extension educators with the outline, research-based materials, and activities to strengthen early care and education professionals relationships with families.

Kathy Hetzel, Dodge County

202 “Shall we dine? An examination of the World Cafe Community Dialogue Process”

World Cafes is a relatively new facilitation process designed to assist communities (of place and interest) to reach new understandings and to increase the possibility of group action. Wisconsin Extension has facilitated approximately 100 World Cafe sessions over the past two years, reaching 25 100 people per session. To advance our understanding of the World Cafe process and to increase its effectiveness, research was conducted on seven sessions that were recently held throughout northern Wisconsin on higher education opportunities. Research results and recommendations for improving the World Cafe process will be shared

Annie Jones, Kenosha County, Aliasha Crowe, Rusk County, John Preissing, Northern District Director

203 “Communicating Across the Generations”

Businesses and organizations, including Extension, face the challenge of bringing together people from four generations to meet organizational goals. Each generation brings diverse perspectives, values, needs, and expectations to the workplace.

Learning to blend the distinctive creative energies and accommodate the different styles of these four generations creates a dynamic work team. Helping individuals from divergent generations develop skills that enable them to appreciate their differences greatly enhances task efficiency, effectiveness and enjoyment.

This curriculum is designed to be fun, flexible and easy to use and is available, for sale, on a CD. It contains cutting-edge information, background material, and both individual and group activities.

Program content is designed to help participants define the generations and identify forces that shape attitudes, beliefs, and expectations. Participants explore what motivates individuals from each generation and their differing communication styles. Skills and strategies to meet diverse needs are learned, enhancing participant ability to both lead and follow.

Evaluations indicate past program participants, including staff of the Wisconsin Departments of Corrections, Workforce Development, and Public Instruction; Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Wisconsin Rural Leadership participants; and numerous private sector businesses, have found “Communicating Across the Generations” relevant and meaningful in meeting the generational challenge.

Beverly Stencil, Washburn County

204 “The Importance of Child Care for Community Development”

Childcare is often seen as a human development issue and until recently was not seen as an economic development issue. Childcare is a building block to childhood development. Often overlooked are the economic impacts that are associated with childcare issues.

We look at impacts for communities as well as suggest how to strengthen capacities and establish best practices as it relates to long term quality child care and sustained economic development. This was a panel discussion at the Community Development Society in June 2007 that has evolved into a presentation for Extension Educators.

Nancy Crevier, Marinette County, Karen Dickrell Outagamie County

205 “Business Etiquette: Tomorrow's Career Edge”

If you haven't recently reviewed your professional etiquette skills, you may be surprised. New hires may not know all the rules, but in their backgrounds many will have had at least one session or course on basic professional etiquette and feel comfortable in various situations. Longer career professionals may be able to respond technically to their clients better, but might not have updated their etiquette and protocol skills since college. Why is being etiquette savvy important for you? It positions you to distinguish yourself from other professionals, develop business relationships, project a positive image, and exude confidence and authority.

Susan Marino

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301 “Extension Antique Road Show”

We all have some sort of old “junk” or antiques sitting around the house or garage, especially grandma’s yellow pie plate. Did you ever wonder what it could be worth? Here is your chance to bring in your old items and get an estimate of what it is worth. Similar to the “Antique Road Show” broadcast on Wisconsin Public Television, this session will allow you to learn how antiques are priced and get an estimate value of antiques you bring in. Local antique experts will educate us on how to create an eye for value and appraise your “stuff”.

Eclectica on Grand, Eau Claire, Sara Curtis and John Curtis.

302 “Millionaire’s Secrets Can Help Adults and Youth Become Financially Secure”

Is it possible for UW-Extension employees to become wealthy on only their modest salaries? Are you concerned about your current or future financial security? This program will dive into the book, *“The Millionaire Next Door: The Surprising Secrets of America’s Wealthy”* to learn about simple steps adults and youth can engage in to become financially secure and even wealthy!

Jennifer Caravella, Waushara County

303 “eXtension: Offering the Resources of the Land Grant System”

Learn how you can be part of eXtension, an educational partnership of more than 70 universities helping people improve their lives with access to objective, research-based information and educational opportunities. eXtension complements and enhances the community-based Cooperative Extension System of the Land Grant universities. Become a member of a Community of Practice. Offer your resources, respond to Ask the Expert questions, utilize the resources of Extension professionals from throughout the country in your programs, or refer your clientele to the website. This session will provide an overview of this dynamic and evolving approach to Extension education.

JoAnn Hinz, Dean’s Office

304 “Encompassing Our Future: The Cooperative Extension Strategic Planning Initiative”

The CE Strategic Planning Steering Committee has been charged with designing and implementing a process that is inclusive; grounded in the grassroots; and complements ongoing organizational initiatives.

As a result of planning, the organization will have: focused strategies; identification and reallocation of new and current funding; and the alignment, creation, and elimination of systems, structures and processes to address organizational priorities.

Committee members will share updates and information gathered in the process. Workshop participants will serve as a review group and will be asked to provide input that will help guide the work for the remainder of the process.

Annie Jones, Kenosha County, Art Lersch, Lincoln County, John Preissing, Northern District Director

305 “JCEP Service Learning”

JCEP Service Learning Project - Do something positive for the community in the form of a service project! This year, JCEP will have the opportunity to do a service project while at the conference. This will benefit one of the Eau Claire area charities and there will be something everyone can help with - regardless of experience or special talents and skills. Check out the times for the service project on the schedule and stop by to enjoy the self satisfaction of helping others and the fellowship of your colleagues while working. Be sure to join us. This session is being led by members of WAE4HYDP. Call Melanie Miller or Barb Barker for more details.