



Poster Exhibits on April 1, 2009

Got Money? Develop a Youth Financial Education Program In Your County!

*Joan Wimpe, Douglas Co. Community Youth Development Educator
Linda Bruce*

A growing trend for 4-H Youth Development Educators is to facilitate financial education programs for youth in their counties. Since 2006, the 4-H Youth Development and Family Living educators, community partners, and financial institutions have focused their attention on developing a comprehensive financial education program for youth in Douglas County, Wisconsin. While about half of Wisconsin schools offer personal finance, most do not require it. Evidence that there is a need for financial literacy for youth is seen by a Jump\$tart (2004) survey of high school students which show 55% of Wisconsin students fail to pass a standardized financial literacy test. Utilizing multiple delivery methods, curriculum and experiential learning activities, programs have targeted elementary, middle and high school youth. Seminar participants will be able to learn about the process Douglas County took to facilitate a youth financial education program and begin planning their own program. Participants will also be able to examine curriculum, evaluation samples, books and other resources.

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Diversity Ice Breaker Trivia

Patrick Nehring, Waushara Co. Community, Natural Resource, Economic Development Agent

This Ice Breaker Trivia was created to navigate a discussion of the uncertain future of immigration and ethnic diversity in the United States and in particular Waushara County. To begin a conversation about culture, life experience, and perceptions of Hispanic and non-Hispanic residents and service providers in Waushara County, CNRED Agent Patrick Nehring created a trivia quiz to challenge assumptions about ethnic groups, contributions to the local economy, immigration, and language in the United States and Waushara County. The trivia quiz led to discussions about the use of language, family values, education, employment, history, and civil rights activities of individuals and organizations in Waushara County.

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Hispanic Outreach in Central Wisconsin - A Three Year Summary

Jackie Carattini, Marathon Co. Family Living Agent

This display will share results of a \$375,000, 3 year Rural Health Outreach Grant that targeted health outreach to the Hispanic/Latino population residing in Marathon, Wood, Portage, Clark and Lincoln Counties. It will highlight different methods of outreach and evaluation methods used over the 3 year span. Data gathered from various evaluation methods will also be showcased.

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Enhancing the financial literacy of Wisconsin's youth

Barbara Haynes, Price Co. Family Development Agent
Marma McIntee, Washington Co. Family Development Agent
Peggy Olive, Richland Co. Family Development Agent
Ruth Schriefer, Iowa Co. Family Development Agent
Shelley Tiedemann

In today's economic climate the need to teach young people the basic survival skills of personal finance is critical. According to the Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy many high school students are unable to balance a checkbook or follow basic principles of earning, spending, saving and managing money. When family living educators examined ways to improve young people's financial literacy, they found studies showing simulations that replicated a task or situation were an effective way to teach youth about personal finance.

Know Your Grains

Donna Peterson , Iowa Co . WNEP Coordinator and Educator

In these uncertain times of ever changing food products when we find it challenging to determine a whole grain food by the color of the food and the information on the front of the food container WNEP of Iowa County offers this solution. This learn-while-you-wait display was used as an evaluation tool to see if parents of children and adults without children could identify a whole grain food. The lesson included reading a food label to find the whole grain. Our handout was from MyPyramid.gov tips to help you eat whole grains what to look for on the food label. We used the same materials minus the display board to teach the senior population the same lesson. A before and after evaluation tool was used with the lesson. Come to the display and test your knowledge of identifying a whole grain food item.

Take Me to the River – A Watershed Partnership

Mary Pardee, Burnett Co 4-H Youth Development Agent
Dale Cox, National Park Service

Take Me to the River (TMTTR) was a partnership between UW-Extension, the National Park Service and Minnesota Extension to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. This significant feature of the Northwoods brings beauty, recreation and tourism, as well as unlimited opportunities for outdoor education and service-learning. A watershed-wide celebration was undertaken in 2008 which included youth service-learning projects, paddling trips, watershed education and Big Top Chautauqua performances. TMTTR activities were held in at least five Wisconsin counties and two Minnesota counties, engaging well over 1300 youth and 900 adults

Rusk County Financial Management Program: A Cross-Programming Initiative Improving Financial Security in Rusk County

Aliasha R. Crowe, Rusk County Agriculture Agent
Michelle Sanderson, Rusk County Family Living Educator
Heather Schmitz, Rusk County Youth Development Agent
Kayla Olmstead Rusk County WNEP Coordinator

The Rusk County Financial Management Initiative developed as a result of the 2004 Program Planning Process. This initiative includes all program areas represented in the Rusk County UW-Extension Office. Target audiences include Farmers, Agriculture Businesses, Families, Individuals, and Youth.

The agents/educators developed programs that best address the needs of the clientele within the realm of their own program areas. Stakeholders have come to understand and truly value the "package" offering as all program areas are vital to the success of the program and thus the financial security of Rusk County residents. In addition, this program has enhanced the unity of the Rusk County UW-Extension Team.

The poster will share the program development and planning, marketing pieces, program delivery methods, and evaluation tools used to measure impact. Impact data gathered by all four agents/educators will be shared.

It's More than Pigs and Plows!

Jessie Potterton, Lafayette Co. 4-H Youth Development Agent

Bonnie Borden, Dodge Co. Dairy and Livestock Youth Program Assistant

This exhibit will showcase the agriculture careers lesson co-authored by Jessie Potterton and Bonnie Borden. The lesson focuses on teaching all youth about different careers that are available, and that there are opportunities in counties that are rural and agriculture-based (even in uncertain times). The lesson was developed as a project of the Helping Youth Understand Agriculture Issues work team. This lesson includes two Jeopardy! games (easy and advanced), a skillathon, voting posters, and career cards, which will all be on display. The lessons will provide an interactive opportunity for all colleagues to learn from. Audiences which will benefit from this exhibit include all program areas (4-H, CNRED, Agriculture, Family Living, Water Basin, and State Staff). Results will also be shared from different teaching lessons that have taken place in both Lafayette and Dodge Counties and at the WI 4-H and Youth Conference. Borden and Potterton will be present and available to explain lesson and answer questions.

Adult Children, Aging Parents, Conversations Across Generations

Christine Kniep, Winnebago Co. Family Living Educator

Judy Knudsen, Brown Co. Family Living Educator

Like the publics we teach, many Extension Educators are helping parents or other older adults navigate life changes. This exhibit will highlight the key concepts of the Iowa Adult Children and Aging Parents: Conversations between Generations curriculum that has been recently introduced in Wisconsin. Building on the curriculum premise that although individuals in families change, communications patterns usually remain the same, the exhibit will highlight concepts included in the program for increasing family problem-solving skills related to later-life changes and strategies to strengthen family relationships between generations. The exhibit will include a copy of the curriculum, sample fact sheets of interest to Extension colleagues and information on future training sessions.

Latinos in the U.S. Book Discussions: The case of Denison, IA

Bridget Mouchon, Green Co. Family Living Educator

This poster will describe part of a programmatic response to a need for information and education targeting the lack of knowledge and understanding of immigration, cultural differences, and related information needs of professionals. It will also highlight *Denison, Iowa*, seen as the most valuable book in the Latinos in the U.S. Book Discussions series.

Green County Educators Bridget Mouchon and Sarah Burgert developed and implemented a book discussion series which explored ideas about culture, human development, and social ecology and how they relate to our own communities. Mouchon and Burgert worked to engage local immigrants in the discussions. Their presence provided a context of rich and meaningful exploration of cultural assumptions, US immigrant history, and changing community contexts. Mouchon and Burgert developed discussion questions and provided supplementary research-based information to provide additional structure and context.

Denison, Iowa captures small-town life in changing rural Midwestern communities in such a way that people respond, "That's just like [MY COMMUNITY]." It explores challenges that communities face when increasing populations of immigrants live and work there. Issues like the changes in job opportunities, isolation, declining downtown districts, and other issues are explored at close range by a well-respected journalist and author, Dale Maharidge.

Prepare to Care: A New Curriculum to Plan for Caregiving

Molly Spaulding, Green Lake Co. Family Living Educator

Teri Zuege-Halvorsen, Calumet Co. Family Living Educator

Peggy Nordgren, Taylor Co. Family Living Educator

One in four adults is a caregiver, and caregivers who are in the workforce cost employers over \$34 billion annually. Learn about innovative programming by Wisconsin UWEX colleagues, including the new *Prepare to Care* curriculum and on-line survey tool (now available nationally through eXTension), which can be used by employers to assess the impact of caregiving on their employees. Strategies for engaging employers, building relationships, and implementing the Prepare to Care program will be highlighted. Attendees to the poster session will learn how to plan for their own future caregiving needs as well as how to share this new resource with their community.

Enhancing Children's Mental Health, Wisconsin Family Ties

Linda Kustka, Retired 4-H Youth Development Specialist

This display features information related to children's mental health and resources available from Wisconsin Family Ties. We are a statewide, non-profit organization run by families for families that include children and adolescents who have emotional, behavioral, mental, and/or substance use disorders.

Sharing Scholarly Work via Wisline Web: Lessons Learned

Nancy Brooks, Family Living Program Specialist

Exhibit will describe evaluation results of the series of Wisline Web events which offered the opportunity for Family Living colleagues to share an example of their programming in the context of scholarship. The program offers feedback for peer review and for program improvement. Findings include the two elements most difficult to understand and to incorporate into your own work. A paper published by the Department of Family Development further describes these evaluation results.

Building Social Capital of Family-Serving Organizations

Bev Baker, Racine Co. Family Living Educator

Lack of community resource knowledge continues to be a challenge of professionals and volunteers working with families. Learn about resources and opportunities created to equip family workers with tools they can use with families. The Quick List and Family Resource Directory start at the base and progress into Networking Breakfasts and topic specific discussions such as Latino outreach, and working with financially stressed families. Over the last decade system updates focused on children's mental health, juvenile delinquency prevention and the juvenile justice system, child protective services, family court and housing. The updates include a continuum beginning with prevention resources through to policymakers explaining the court systems.

Fall Youth Forum and Fall Volunteers Forum: One Day Conference Maximizes Resources

Judy Kennedy, Juneau Co. 4-H Youth Development Agent

A presentation about a one day event which maximized time, technology and materials to provide educational activities for 4-H members, parents, leaders and the public. The Fall Youth Forum and Fall Volunteer Forum operate on concurrent tracks at the same facility. End result is a master calendar – a year long educational plan for project work in Juneau County.

Survey Research Center

Jim Janke

This exhibit will show how the Survey Research Center can help Extension faculty and staff with their programming through surveys of the public or specific groups. SRC staff will be available to discuss needs and answer questions. Sample reports from previous surveys will be available for review.**

Four Essential Elements for Summer Camp

Jill Jorgensen, Kewaunee Co. 4-H Youth Development Agent

Dawn Kuelz, Door Co. 4-H Youth Development Agent

Camp can be a wonderful experiential learning experience for youth campers. While camp is a fun place where people can meet new friends, it is equally important that they are learning life skills that can be used beyond camp.

Furthermore, it is important that the four essential elements of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity are being met by the overall camp experience. Learn some ways to incorporate the Four Elements into your camping program! Stop by this poster session to learn and gather sample evaluations for using with your camping program, lessons for teambuilding with cabin groups and lesson plans for sharing the Four Elements with camp staff and volunteers!

AgrAbility of Wisconsin

Ronald T. Schuler, Professor Emeritus, Biological Systems Engineering

AgrAbility of Wisconsin provides education and assistance to farmers with disabilities. Every year, nearly 500 farmers with disabilities participate in the program which develops worksite assessments that include recommendations for assistive technology which allow these farmers to be more productively be involved farm work and more easily complete work tasks on the farm. In many cases these assessments are provided to the WI Division of Vocational Rehabilitation which provides the funding to purchase the assistive technology. During the past year about \$3 million has been provided to Wisconsin farmers. The poster will show how farmers have been assisted and some assistive technology will be displayed.

Leadership Wisconsin

JoAnn Stormer , Executive Director, Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program

This year the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program (WRLP) has gone through an evaluation process. It included gathering feedback from fellows, alumni, specialists in leadership from around the country, and community members who have witnessed the impact of graduates as they make a difference in Wisconsin communities. The review confirmed that we have an excellent program with positive life-changing results for fellows and benefits to communities and our state as a whole.

4-H Gateway Academies Promote 4-H SET

Deb Ivey, Iowa Co 4-H Youth Development Agent and Gateway Project Coordinator

In 2008 140 Wisconsin youth participated in 4-H Gateway Academies in 9 counties. The 4-H Gateway Academies utilized hands-on science and engineering projects taught by Project Lead the Way trained teachers as well as non-formal team building and group activities led by Extension staff. The 4-H Gateway Academies were specifically designed by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers—Education Foundation and Wisconsin 4-H to help middle school students explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

This poster session will highlight activities that were taught at the Academies, reference the 2008 and 2009 4-H Gateway Academy locations, review the funding and curriculum that is available, and highlight 2008 4-H Gateway Academy evaluation results. Information will also be available on Project Lead the Way and how to encourage Wisconsin schools to consider adopting this curriculum.

