Greetings From Your Warren County Family & Consumer Sciences Program!

April 2010

As many of you know, FCS has been very busy this year! Thanks to all who have been actively engaged.

The Pay It Forward Adopt a Family Program ran smoothly thanks to tremendous volunteer and community involvement.

Our FCS Advisory Board consists of local community leaders and citizens who are actively engaged in Warren County. Each member helps us identify needs; research best practices; seek resources; create surveys; develop and market programs; and evaluate our progress. Some even join us in delivering programs!

The Pay It Forward Adopt a Family Program began this year. This program involved churches, businesses, & the community! Coop. Extension staff, the Warren County Record and WFI were very involved.
Through a partnership with CJH Educational Grant funding, we were able to increase our grant allocation from $20,000 the first year to $55,000 in 2010! **Hooray!** This allowed our Healthy Marriage MATTERS Relationship Smarts Program to recruit and hire a full-time Coordinator for Warren County teens ages 13-19.

We found the best leader for the job! On April 1st, LaTonya Stith, a former music teacher and band director joined our team. She taught 100 children Healthy Marriage Matters Relationship Smarts in Warren County high schools and the libraries during her FIRST week!

A special thanks to FCS Board Members Katherine Hilliard for helping LaTonya navigate the school system and to Mary Bullock of the Warren County Main Library.
Through a partnership with NC State Specialists, North Carolina Central University, Clean Energy Durham and others, we submitted a grant to house a full-time intern in 2011. This person will be a part of an exciting pilot program focusing on energy conservation in the community. Stay tuned!

Also in partnership with NC State Specialists, Warren County Cooperative Extension worked to develop, schedule and market a new E-Conservation Brown Bag Lunch Summer Series at the Warren Main Library. All participants who sign up ahead of time will qualify to receive a number of goodies including a home energy audit worth hundreds of dollars.

Last year several FCS Advisory Board members attended training at NC A&T State University. This year we are able to deliver a new program entitled Parenting Matters. This fun, free eight week program runs each Friday in April and May from 10 am – 12 pm. Thanks to Warren Family Institute and Board Member Lori Parrott for a tremendous friendship and partnership.

Warren County Family & Consumer Sciences also worked to deliver the **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** for youth through a partnership with our Youth Services Bureau. We also collaborated with the **Franklin Covey Company** to bring the **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** Train-the-Trainer classes to Raleigh/Durham in June! Covey allowed us a tremendous discount to attend this important training and two Warren County leaders have been recruited to co-facilitate later this year.
Many FCS Board Members and our wonderful Aging with Gusto committee work through the details of the October 29th “Fun, Fit & Fabulous” program. This one is going to be a ton of fun!

Warren County School System Administrator & Board Member Rosemary Lewis and FCS Agent Rachel Monteverdi delivered the Together for Education program at Cooperative Extension. Rachel also taught an Effective Parenting & Communication workshop at Northside Elementary and several Academic Success programs with older & younger youth including those in Warren County Youth Services Bureau!
Partnerships are important. Whether partnering locally, statewide or nationally, it is important to find your common interest and focus on creative ways to solve problems and leverage resources.

Synergy takes place when all are open to new ideas!

Warren County FCS led the NC Fruits & Veggies Coalition’s Mini-grant initiative and partnered with them to promote fruits & veggies throughout NC!

Warren County leaders attend the NC Emerging Issues Forum to find creative ways to spark our economy and our community. Stay tuned!

Family & Consumer Sciences Partnerships in 2010

SHAC members discuss federal grant funding for our community, schools and students.

Warren County Cooperative Extension is highlighted during the Warren County Block Party.

Pam Hines, UNC-TV Pre-K-12 Director invites Warren County to utilize station resources.

The University Standing Committee on Extension, Engagement & Economic Development awards creativity!
North Carolina Family & Consumer Sciences will be celebrating 100 years next year! Please join us in gathering photos of things we have done in the past in Warren County so they can be highlighted throughout NC.

If you have photos you would like to share, please contact Rachel Monteverdi at 252-257-3640 or email them to rmonteverdi@gmail.com.

Thank you for all you do and for making your Warren County Family & Consumer Sciences program GREAT!

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