



Affiliate Annual Report Form

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Please return this form by December 31st of each year to your Regional Director and a copy to the National Office.
This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.

State/Territory: Alabama Date: 12/18/2018

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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

SNAP-Ed Educator Recognition

In FY18, all 29 SNAP-Ed educators in Alabama achieved national certification through the National Nutrition Certification Program (NNCP). The NNCP is a nationally recognized online certification program for nutrition educators available through Utah State University SNAP-Ed. By working through 13 modules on topics such as basic nutrition across the lifespan, nutrient metabolism, menu planning, food safety and the art of teaching, Alabama Extension SNAP-Ed educators enhanced their knowledge and skills related to teaching and applying evidence-based nutrition concepts that can improve the lives of Alabamians. Submitted by - Katie Funderburk, Nutrition and Evaluation Coordinator, ACES

Our SNAP-Ed program and EFNEP programs both received numerous awards at the national conference in San Antonio, TX.

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

1. To have 50 members in our organization. We will probably not achieve that this year but we are hopeful we will gain some momentum back.
2. To offer a state conference that encompasses all areas of Human Sciences so that everyone who participates has information in their area that may be useful as they conduct programming.
3. To encourage members to submit concurrent session proposals for 2019 national conference in Hershey, PA.
4. To encourage members to apply for national awards.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences pose in your state?

Alabama has been in transition since October 2017. At that time, Human Sciences was told the agents would be moved to the Auburn University campus and would conduct their work from there. This did not affect our Urban agents who work for Alabama A & M University. This caused a great deal of uncertainty as to what would happen with programming in the HSE program area. There was a change in leadership of the HSE team and in late spring 2018 the decision to house agents on the Auburn campus was reversed. We have leadership under Dr. Jennifer Wells-Marshall, who has streamlined program offerings and is having agents certified in programs such as Diabetes Education Empowerment Program and a Homebuyer Basics program offered through HUD. This has brought new energy into the HSE program area and given the agents focused direction.

With respect to our members who are employed by Alabama A & M University, for this 2019 fiscal year their travel/supply budgets are limited and professional development is not available to them. We do not know how this will impact their attendance at the state and national conferences. From my understanding, professional development costs have to be

paid with personal funds. (unless they are an officer and we have funds allocated in our budget for the conference they are to attend on behalf of NEAFCS)

As with all states, we continue to seek grant funds and additional sources of funding for programming and offerings.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address: