



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: Ohio Date: 12/21/2021

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Ohio had 63 active members and 37 life members in 2021.

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

Ohio Affiliate NEAFCS members, Kate Shumaker and Pat Brinkman, served their first years as national Secretary and Vice President Professional Development, respectively.

Ohio was well-represented on at least 14 national committees and continues to serve as award reviewers, peer proposal reviewers, and as volunteers at Annual Session.

NEAFCS members took leadership in the state of Ohio in the following programs: Trauma Informed Care Approaches trainings, Level 2 and Level 1 Food Safety instruction, online Successful Co-Parenting, Live Healthy Live Well E-mail challenges, Live Healthy Live Well 365 text messages, Your Plan for Health Programming, virtual ZUMBA and other wellness classes, Farm Stress webinars, and continued collaboration with local, state, and national agencies and organizations.

Cheryl Spires represented Ohio at the Virtual Joint Council of Extension Professionals Conference in February 2021.

Tammy Jones represented Ohio at the Public Issues Leadership Development Forum (PILD) in that was held virtually in April 2021.

Impact reports were completed by Ohio members and then compiled by Brian Butler FCS Program Evaluation Director, with assistance from OSU Extension Evaluation staff and sent to NEAFCS VP of Public Affairs.

Sixteen awards were submitted from Ohio NEAFCS members for individual or team NEAFCS awards to Regional Judging. At the 2021 NEAFCS Virtual Annual Session, Ohio received 2 National Awards and 9 Regional Awards along with 1 Distinguished Service Award and 2 Continued Excellence Awards.

Melinda Hill: NEAFCS Extension Educator of the Year - one of our organization's top awards!

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

To continue and expand partnerships with American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) and Ohio Association Teachers of Family And Consumer Sciences (OATFACS) through a shared professional development event.

To offer professional development in The Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Body of Knowledge areas.

To encourage continued networking and support for local members and to encourage joint programming with members from both The Ohio State University and Central State University.

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

Ohio Family and Consumer Sciences completed an external Program Review in 2021. Our mission and vision are

Mission: We facilitate opportunities for people to explore how science-based knowledge can improve physical, social and financial health.

Vision: Ohioans have the information, tools, and resources to actively engage in creating conditions in which they thrive as individuals, families, and communities.

Teams worked to follow-up on the review and our Assistant Director, Pat Bebo, shared an update in November. We continue to work on professional development in the core areas of FCS. An advisory group is being established for our AD as well.

Work will be done to strengthen our onboarding for persons newly hired into FCS.

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

We appreciate the work being done on establishing guidelines for organization sponsors.

We thank everyone in the Association and the organization for the work being done to make NEAFCS strong and relevant.