



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: Indiana/Central Date: December 13, 2022
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- Beth Switzer and Marcia Parcell recognized for Distinguished Service Award. Carmen Fortney recognized as part of national team, Walk-a-Weigh. Kelsie Muller and Harriet Armstrong recognized with Central Region awards for programming.
- Over 537 programs delivered.
- Raised enough funds to support the \$500 Dean Don Felker Award for another year. A Finance Committee was formed to address this situation.
- Our VP for Awards hosted a virtual meeting to discuss different awards (national and state) as well as the application process.
- Gail Peitzmeier and Shannon Chipman presented INEAFCS DYK Series – Balance vs. Priorities as a webinar in state and national.
- VP of committees were charged with creating an action plan for their committee.
- We had new educators that started in 2022 join NEAFCS.

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

1. Reestablish brand and benefits of NEAFCS and promote to new educators through HHS Town Hall Meetings and other opportunities.
2. Reestablish officer roles and committee work through action plans created for 2022.
3. Revitalize Indiana NEAFCS committees as well as participation on national committees.
4. Encourage members to apply for awards and to present at Annual Session.
5. Explore By-Law changes of NEAFCS to include other professional from Indiana affiliate such as NEPAs and CWCs.
6. Encourage educators to be involved and reap the benefits of NEAFCS.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state? We are facing the challenges of many new educators, staff turnover, and/or maintaining professionals in their positions as Extension Educators. We are facing challenges to finding new ways to engage with audiences. We are having to reconnect with partners and new educators. Finances are also challenging which makes attending NEAFCS Annual Session difficult for members too. Members are interested in the professional development, but they are challenged to fund it.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address: We need to continue to train the next group of leaders. We need to continue to mentor new educators. We need to promote and demonstrate the value of the organization to members and potential members, so they see the benefits of the organization. The NEAFCS dues, travel to conference, and conference fees can be financially challenging for educators, if their county does not have money. These expenses may be viewed as too expensive, if they have to pay them personally. We need to continue to provide professional development outside of conference. We need to encourage members to take advantage of professional development opportunities besides annual session. We need to inspire educators to develop skills to fulfill roles in state and national positions.