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- Review of NIFA and DFCS
Organizational structure
- Program priorities in DFCS
- Ideas for engaging to tell your stories
- NIFA Annual and DFCS Year in Review
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Division of Family & Consumer Sciences

As the population continues to grow and diversify, our quality of life increasingly depends on family well-being and community vitality as a shared priority for all Americans.

Through research, education, and extension, NIFA's Family & Consumer Sciences programs provide **resources** that support community vitality and strengthening family well-being in partnership with the Land-Grant University and Cooperative Extension System. Family & Consumer Sciences strengthens families, farms, communities, and the economy by focusing on the human and community aspects of food and agriculture and addressing priority issues through scientific research and its application; strategic partnership with federal, state, and local agencies; extension education; and preparing the next generation of Family & Consumer Sciences professionals.

GOALS

Increasing **family well-being** by focusing on traditional Family & Consumer Sciences programs in research, education, and extension including:

- **Child and Family Development**
- **Financial Capability**
- **Adult Development and Aging**
- **Health and Wellness**
- **Housing and Environmental Health**

Advancing **community vitality** by focusing on the socio-economic potential of rural/urban interdependence and addressing the critical needs of people and places through:

- **Workforce Development**
- **Community Resource and Economic Development**
- **Rural Health and Safety**
- **Urban Extension** 





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DFCS Priorities

Family Well-being

- Child and Family Development
- Financial Capability
- Nutrition, Health and Wellness
- Housing and Environmental Health

Community Vitality

- Workforce Development
- Community Resource & Economic Development
- Rural Health and Safety
- Urban Extension

<https://nifa.usda.gov/topic/family-well-being>



Family Well-Being

IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY WELL-BEING

Family well-being is vital to thriving communities. Families who are able to make informed decisions, manage their basic needs, and tackle pressing human and community issues are better equipped to lead happy, healthy lives. A range of factors can affect family well-being, and investments in families contribute significantly to the social, psychological, and economic development of our nation.

The Division of Family & Consumer Sciences' (DFCS) efforts to promote family well-being focus on traditional Family & Consumer Sciences programs in research, education, and extension including:

- [Adult Development and Aging](#)
- [Child and Family Development](#)
- [Financial Capability](#)
- [Health and Wellness](#)
- [Housing and Environmental Health](#)

NIFA's family well-being portfolio is critical to community vitality.

NIFA'S IMPACT

In partnership with the Land-Grant University and Cooperative Extension System, DFCS supports research, education, and extension to empower all families to achieve optimal well-being by:

- Fostering quality care, development, and support for families across the lifespan
- Enhancing family resource management and financial decision-making

<https://nifa.usda.gov/topic/community-vitality>



Community Vitality

IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY VITALITY

What differentiates a thriving community from one that struggles? When choosing to put down roots, what are the "deal makers and breakers" that families and businesses cite? Is there a formula that can be employed that communities can aim for to increase their chances of long term vitality and growth? These are among the many questions land-grant universities and community and economic development extension specialists seek to answer through sound science and education. Through exploration of key community and economic development interests like leadership, workforce development, entrepreneurship, civic engagement/volunteering, community planning and disaster preparedness, faculty and agents discover and share evidence-based and promising practices that build upon existing strengths, while responding to community concerns.

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- [Community Resource and Economic Development](#)
- [Rural Health and Safety](#)
- [Urban Extension](#) [®]

NIFA's community vitality portfolio is critical to family well-being.

NIFA'S IMPACTS

In partnership with the Land-Grant University and Cooperative Extension System,



NIFA's Division of Family & Consumer Sciences

promotes [community vitality](#), strengthening individual and [family well-being](#), and supporting [4-H](#) and [positive youth development](#), through **Capacity & Competitive grant programs:**

- [Agriculture Risk Management Education Partnerships \(ARME\)](#)
- Assessing Gaps in Extension Education Evaluation Resources
- [Farm Business Management Benchmarking \(FBMB\)](#)
- [Farm Safety: AgrAbility – Assistive Technology for Farmers with Disabilities and Youth Farm Safety Education Certification Program](#)
- Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative (FADI - [EDEN](#))
- [National Extension Sustainability Summit \(NESS\)](#)
- [New Technologies in Ag Extension \(NTAE – eXtension\)](#)
- [Regional Rural Development Centers \(RRDC\)](#)
- [Rural Health Safety Education \(RHSE\)](#)
- [Small Business Innovation Research – Phase I and II \(SBIR 8.6\)](#)
- [SBIR Outreach, Training and Technical Assistance \(SBIR-OTTA\)](#)
- [Smith-Lever Special Needs](#)



NIFA's Division of Family & Consumer Sciences

promotes excellence in research, academics and outreach that fosters family well-being and community vitality through **Interagency and Cooperative Agreements:**

- [Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center](#) (AAPIRC) {USDA RD, NRCS, FSIS}
- [Community Assessment & Education to Promote Behavioral Health Planning & Evaluation](#) (CAPE) {HHS SAMHSA}
- [Healthy Homes Partnership](#) {HUD}
- [Local Food Resource Mapping](#) (LFRM) and [Agriculture Marketing Service Training & Technical Assistance](#) (AMSTA) {USDA AMS}
- [Military Family Support Programs](#) (MFSP) {DoD, AF, Army, DoDEA}
- [Stronger Economies Together](#) (SET) Phase VI {USDA RD}



DFCS Multistate Research, Extension, and Admin Committees

NPL	Project Name	Program Number
Balsano	Agricultural Safety and Health Research and Extension	NCERA197
Elrod	Land Grant University Innovation Diffusion Enhancement	NC1100
Elrod	Health, well-being, and economic opportunity for LGBT persons in rural communities	NCDC229
Elrod	Community Health and Resilience	NE1049
Elrod	Addressing the Rural Development Concerns of the Rural West	WDC35
Elrod	University-Community Intermediaries: Supporting Informed Decision-Making Around Polarized Issues	NEERA1501
Samuel	Personal Protective Technologies for Current and Emerging Occupational and Environmental Hazards	NC170
Shipley	Interactions of individual, family, community, and policy contexts on the mental and physical health of diverse rural low-income families	NC1171
Staff	Renewing an Agriculture of the Middle: Value Chain Design, Policy Approaches, Environmental and Social Impacts	NC1198
Staff	Behavioral Economics and Financial Decision-Making and Information Management Across the Lifespan	NC2172
Staff	Family Economics Coordinating Committee	NCCC52
Staff	Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology	SAC7
Staff	Latinos in the New South	SERA37
Staff	Elder Financial Exploitation: Impact on Families	W2191
Staff	The Great Recession, Its Aftermath, and Patterns of Rural and Small Town Demographic Change	W3001



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New Multi-State Research Project

- Aging in Place
 - Initial planning stage
 - Currently housing specialists and representation from USDA Rural Housing
 - Seeking Demographers, Sociologists, Evaluators, Gerontologists, and other subject matter experts



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Select Interagency Committees/Working Groups/Commissions

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Caregiver Workgroup
- Coalition of Organizations for Disaster Education
- Federal Interagency Work Group on Child Abuse and Neglect
- Financial Literacy Education Commission
- Healthy Homes Interagency Partnership
- Let's Move! Child Care Federal Partner Team
- National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network
- President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks for Children
- Secretary's Opioids Working Group
- State Energy Extension Partnership
- White House Council on Indoor Air Quality
- White House Taskforce on Resilient Design Construction



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DFCS Initiatives

- The Visiting Scholars program provides an opportunity for faculty and administrators to enhance their growth while working with federal-level colleagues.

<https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/DFCS%20Visiting%20Scholar%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

- The Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program is a national volunteer training and involvement initiative.

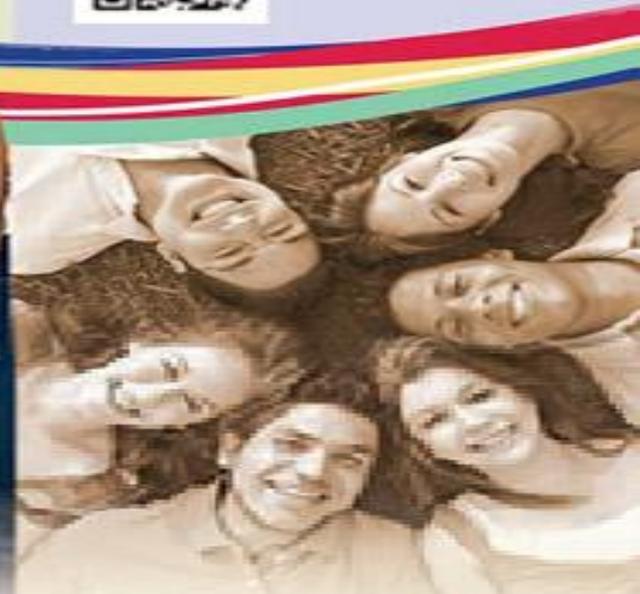
<http://www.masterfcsvolunteerprogram.info/index.html>

Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program

Toolkit for Volunteer Development

www.masterFCSvolunteerprogram.info

The Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program provides core training that increases the capacity of Extension volunteers to help people make informed decisions, enhance their quality of living, and meet unique challenges affecting their families, farms, communities, and the economy.



WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF MODULES

MODULE 1: Cooperative Extension

LESSONS:

- Cooperative Extension History
- Family & Consumer Sciences History
- Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteers

MODULE 2: Leadership & Public Policy

LESSONS:

- Effective Communication
- Diverse Audiences
- Facilitation Skills

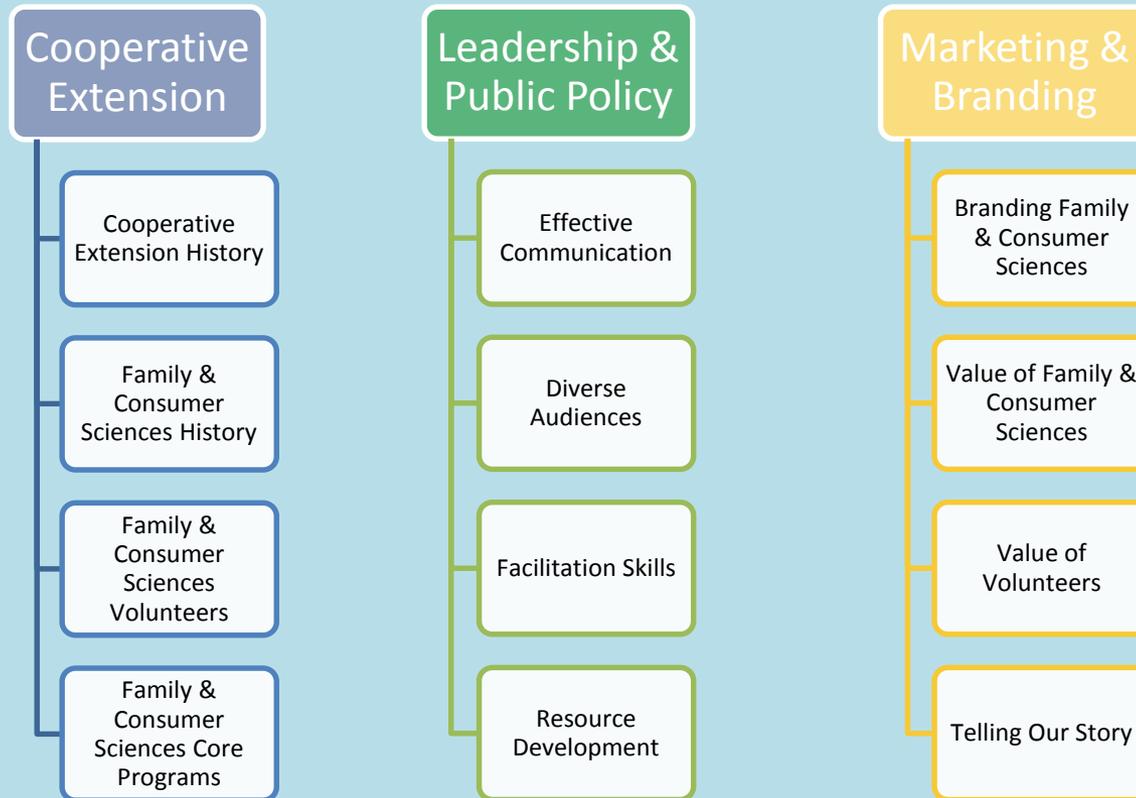
MODULE 3: Marketing & Branding

LESSONS:

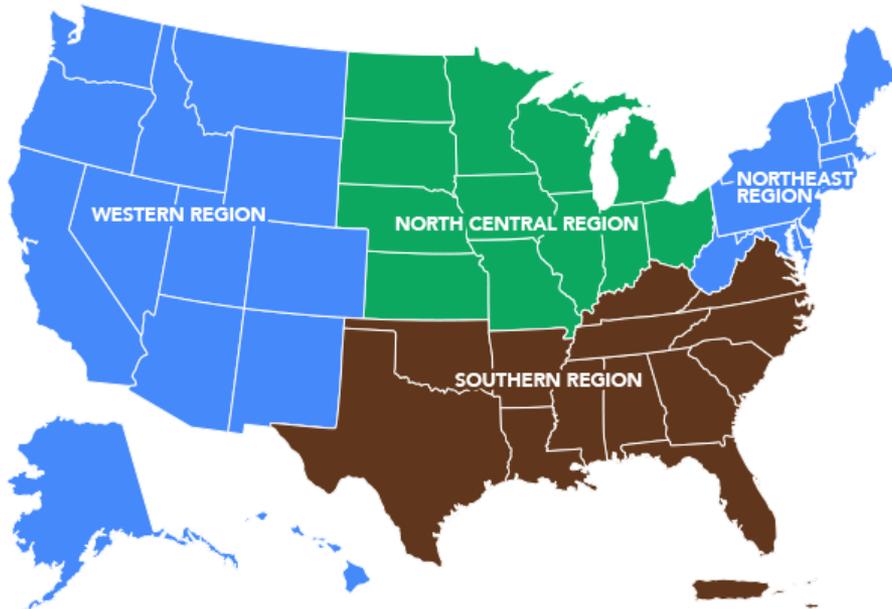
- Branding Family & Consumer Sciences
- Value of Family & Consumer Sciences
- Value of Volunteers

Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program

How is it structured?



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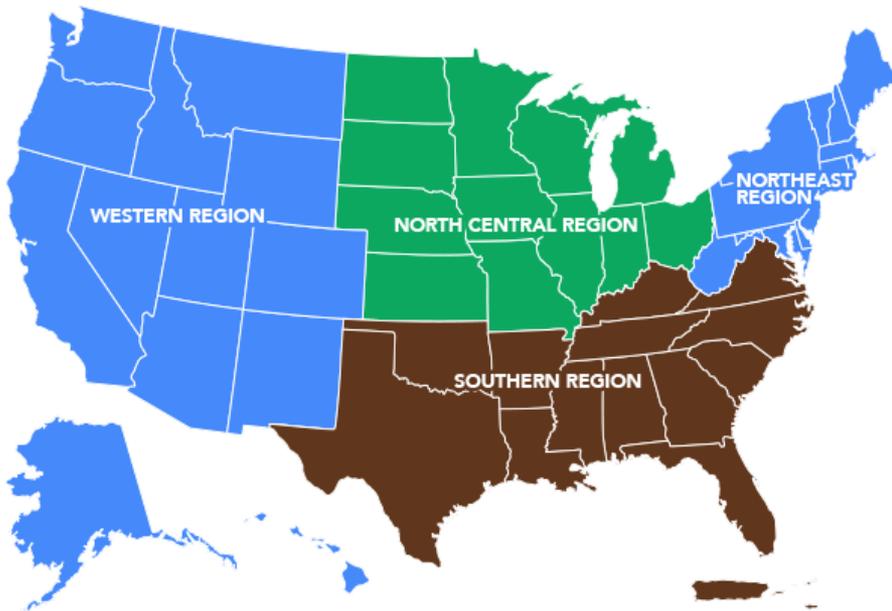
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Regional Rural Development Centers

The Regional Rural Development Centers link the research and educational outreach capacity of the nation's public universities with communities, local decision-makers, entrepreneurs, families, and farmers and ranchers to help address a wide range of community and economic development issues.



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Rural America COUNTS




70%
of the nation's
land area is rural.

However, only
11% of all US
workers
work in rural areas.

Rural areas and the people who work there
fuel the US economy, with:



Food & Water

74% of land
in farms
and
72% of the
water area



Energy

57% of mining
and
quarrying jobs
and about **half**
of all hydro
and geothermal
electric power
generation
employment



Recreation

67% of all forest
land,
over **one third** of
B&B Inns, and
most national parks

A strong *Rural America...*



... is good for *All Americans!*



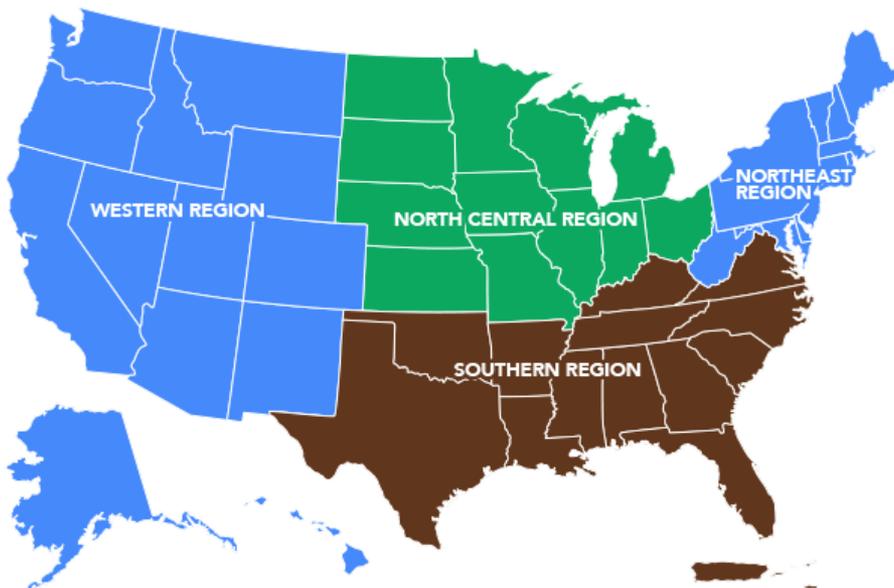
The numbers presented here are based on 2013 rural county definitions.
Images courtesy of Twitter (camping scene), and USDA (bottom photos.)

The nation's four Regional Rural Development Centers link the research and educational outreach capacity of the nation's public universities with communities, local decision makers, entrepreneurs, families, and farmers and ranchers to help address a wide range of development issues. Information presented here does not necessarily reflect the view of the USDA or of other funders.



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Extension Risk Management Education is delivered through four regional centers that provide grant funding and leadership within their regions. The Digital Center provides technology support for Extension Risk Management Education and to the Centers.



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Data Gateway

- NIFA's one portal approach to improve transparency and access to our grant portfolio
- [NIFA Funding by Congressional Districts](#)
- [Project Based Search Highlights](#)

Help Tell the Story

- **USDA Monthly Themes**

- September 2016: *Tapping into the Entrepreneurial Spirit of Rural America: Creating Jobs and Economic Opportunity in Rural Communities*
- Submit a blog. Scott Elliott can provide guidance, selliott@nifa.usda.gov

- **Impacts**

- Send fact sheets, news article links, publication pieces to impactstories@nifa.usda.gov. Contact Kelly Flynn, kflynn@nifa.usda.gov
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Promoting an Energy Efficient America with Outreach Education

Consumption of energy affects many things, from food production to human health, and education to socioeconomic status. Global demand for energy is increasing in the face of limited resources, making our energy decisions of growing importance.

HOW FOOD-RELATED ENERGY IS CONSUMED IN THE UNITED STATES

Energy is required to **GENERATE ELECTRICITY** and **FUEL TRANSPORTATION**. Food-related energy consumption accounts for nearly 15% of the national energy budget for residential and commercial use:



PROMOTING THE ADOPTION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES AND PRACTICES

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and Cooperative Extension System (CES)* support several **OUTREACH EDUCATION PROGRAMS** directed toward energy efficiency in businesses, homes, and farms.



THE STATE ENERGY EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP (SEEP) is a collaboration among NIFA, USDA Rural Development, Department of Energy (DOE), and CES. Through this collaboration, DOE funded projects managed by state energy offices and Extension to solve energy challenges at the local, regional, and state levels. Projects run by the **University of Nebraska, University of Kentucky, and University of Wisconsin** resulted in:

- Reduced fuel consumption
- Increased home energy efficiency
- New sustainable energy partnerships



THE ENERGY MASTER PROGRAM through **Colorado State University Extension** offers training on energy challenges, potential solutions, and individual choices. The nearly 85 Colorado residents certified in the program:

- Conducted a community solar garden feasibility study
- Performed home energy audits
- Held community events to raise energy efficiency awareness
- Translated energy bill information to Spanish



E³A: EXPLORING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ALTERNATIVES from **Montana State University and University of Wyoming Extension** is a train-the-trainer curriculum for natural resource professionals. The program teaches about energy efficiency and small renewable energy technologies for home, farm, and ranch. Extension specialists from more than 20 states have been trained with E³A materials, which are freely available to educators nationwide at www.e3a4u.info.

* COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IS A NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL NETWORK THAT LINKS LOCAL AND CAMPUS-BASED EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS FROM LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITIES—ALONG WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS—TO RESIDENTS OF MORE THAN 3,000 COUNTIES/PARISHES IN ALL 50 STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND U.S. TERRITORIES. EXTENSION TRANSLATES SCIENCE INTO FORMATS THAT PEOPLE USE TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS.

One example of how impacts statements are used at NIFA.

This infographic was highlighted on the NIFA website, e-boards, and in other communications outreach.



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Telling Our Stories

- Highlight programs through infographics at [flickr](#)
- Guest bloggers
- NIFA Clips



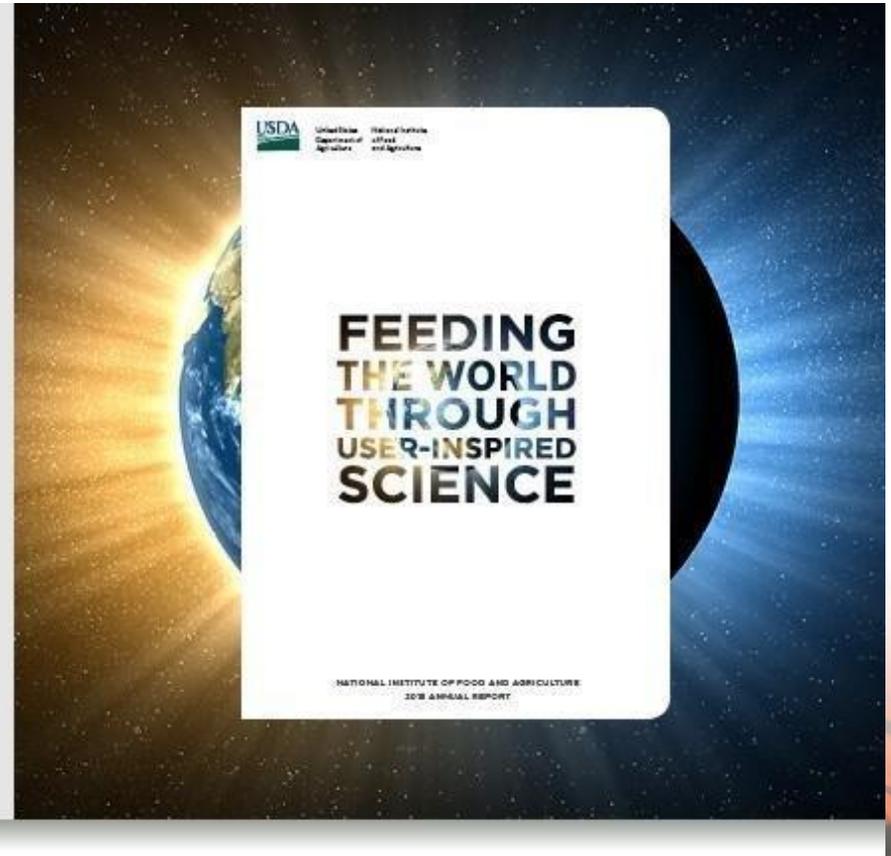
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Year in Review



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Division of Family & Consumer Sciences 2015 Year in Review Report

May 2016

Message from the Director

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Dear Colleagues:

I am honored to present the [NIFA Division of Family & Consumer Sciences \(DFCS\) 2015 Year in Review Report](#). Here you will find information and highlights on a variety of DFCS programs, partnerships, and opportunities to advance the critical work we do together.



NIFA invests in and advances agricultural research, education, and extension to solve societal challenges. As a part of the NIFA Institute of Youth, Family, and Community, DFCS supports and enhances this mission in a variety of critical ways.

As the population grows and diversifies, our quality of life increasingly depends on family well-being and community vitality as a shared priority for all Americans. DFCS programs strengthen families, farms, communities, and the economy by focusing on the human and community dimensions of food and agriculture. We address priority issues through scientific research and its application; strategic partnerships; extension education; and preparing the next generation of Family & Consumer Sciences professionals.

One of the finest examples of advancing our work stems from our participation in the [Family & Consumer Sciences Alliance](#), which enhances the visibility and viability of our work to improve quality of life for individuals, families, and communities in a diverse and global society.

These are busy and exciting times, and we look forward to continuing our work with you toward a future where communities thrive and families achieve optimal well-being through informed decisions and healthy, sustainable lifestyles.

Best regards-

Caroline

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Director-Division of Family & Consumer Sciences



- Highlighted:
 - New Program Structure
 - Interagency Collaborations
 - Grant Programs
 - Interagency Agreements
 - Stakeholder Recognitions
 - Staff Recognitions

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What's Ahead?

- Filling of two vacant positions
 - Rural Sociologist
 - Behavioral Economist

- Preparation for New Political Administration
 - Transitional documents
 - New emerging priorities



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What's Ahead?

- *Assessing System Gaps in Extension Education Evaluation Resources and the Need for National Extension Education Evaluation Portal*
- **Informational portal**



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What's Ahead?

- Support for volunteer component of Cooperative Extension Health Framework
- New Knowledge Area proposed for disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery (pending final approval)
- Adult Development & Aging Work Group



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In Summary

- Seek funding opportunities from NIFA
- Share Stakeholder feedback—
important to identify needs and gaps
- Commit to tell your stories — highlight
your successes



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