

FCS Administrative Staff Report
February 5, 2020

Welcome

I am pleased to share Katherine Jury joined the state FCS Extension team on January 2nd, 2020. Katherine will be working as a Senior Extension Associate supporting Substance Use Prevention and Recovery. We are also excited to welcome Dr. Nichole Huff as the new Assistant Extension Professor for Family Finance and Resource Management. Additionally, Alex Elswick, has accepted the position of Assistant Extension Professor for Substance Use Prevention and Recovery. Both Alex and Nichole will begin their new roles on July 1st.

FCS Agent Training Opportunities

February Training Week

FCS Agent Training Week, February 17th - 21st -- FCS agent training week will be held the week of February 17th. To hopefully make travel easier and to allow for more hands-on activities, we will offer three locations in 2020, Ashland, Bardstown, and Hopkinsville.

Registration should be complete in KERS. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED IN KERS PLEASE CONTACT SALLY MINEER ASAP. Cost \$30/day

Parenting A Second Time Around (PASTA) -- This will be a facilitator training for professional working with grandparent/caregiver relatives. PASTA is an eight week workshop series which covers the topics of child development, discipline & guidance, caring for yourself as a caregiver, rebuilding a family, living with teens, legal issues, and advocacy. The workshops can be taught as a stand-alone lesson or as part of the series. Participants will receive the facilitator's manual with handouts, supplementary materials, and evaluation tools. Cost: \$40 March 23th - 24th: Princeton Education and Research Center, <https://kers.ca.uky.edu/core/reporting/training/5790>

March 26th - 27th: Scott County Extension Office,
<https://kers.ca.uky.edu/core/reporting/training/5791>

April KEHA/FCS In-service training--April FCS training will be held April 21st– 23rd at the Owensboro Convention Center in conjunction with KEHA. **Similar to last year, the training sessions for FCS agents will be integrated into the KEHA State Meeting schedule and will be open to KEHA leaders as well.** The goal is for agents to be a part of the KEHA meeting but also earn in-service credit. The sessions will be geared so that everyone can learn the same message and perhaps help them in their advising role. The in-service trainings will be noted on the KEHA agenda and posted in KERS.

Positive Employability -- Research conducted by Harvard University, the Carnegie Foundation, and Stanford Research Center indicates 85% of job success comes from having well-developed soft and people skills, and only 15% of job success comes from technical skills and knowledge (hard skills). Employers are often prepared to teach technical job skills; however, the intangible skills of being a team player, time management, and positive attitude are difficult to teach on-site but critical to success. The “Positive Employability” program will equip agents with personal skill sets and resources to partner and deliver workforce “soft skills” development programs with local schools, Industrial Development Authorities, Chambers of Commerce, local businesses and other workforce development initiative agencies. The program will provide three curriculum sets delivering objective-based learning through interactive learning activities, including Ten Soft Skills for Success, Business and Communication Strategies, and Creating a Positive Business Image through Business Etiquette. The Positive Employability program will allow individuals to develop key skills to enhance employment earnings and upward mobility leading to enhanced financial security. Cost: \$45

July 15th and 16th, 2020 – Warren County Extension Office

Posted to KERS

Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association

The KEHA State Meeting will take place April 21st – 23rd Owensboro Convention Center, Owensboro, KY. The KEHA newsletter with registration details is available at www.keha.org. The marquee events will be the opening banquet Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m; the general session Wednesday, April 22nd featuring the KEHA Choir; and the awards luncheon Thursday, April 23rd at 11:30 a.m. featuring KEHA award presentations. The annual business meeting will be April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Please encourage agents to attend, to participate in sessions eligible for in-service credit, and to support their leaders participating in the state meeting.

FCS Program/Material Request Form

In an effort to improve lines of communication and quick response to program requests, we have developed a FCS Program/Material Request Form. The Qualtrics form will come centrally into the main office and then distributed to the correct person to handle the request. The link is available at:

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hKcF3L1n2IIVT7.

Mini-Grant Opportunity (All Program Areas)

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is currently accepting proposals for projects and activities that support multi-disciplinary programming, in addition to FCS Extension. **All faculty and staff within CAFE are eligible to apply for the mini-grant opportunity, with emphasis placed on county programs.** Proposals should focus/incorporate at least one of the following areas:

Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

If applicable, all applicants must have committed and started working on SNAP-Ed match hours for FY2020.

Applicants must provide a start date and end date for project activities and describe their intended outcomes. Grant recipients are required to submit a final report describing the actual outcomes of their project, impact on Extension programming, and a success story based on their project.

The application has a rolling deadline and will be accepted through May 15th (or until allocated funds are exhausted). All awarded funds must be spent no later than June 15th. All receipts and other required documentation must be submitted no later than June 22nd. Receipts not received by June 22nd, will not be reimbursed.

Information/application: https://hes.ca.uky.edu/files/hes_minigrant_packet_final.pdf

If you have questions regarding the mini-grant opportunity feel free to contact Jennifer Hunter, jhunter@uky.edu, or Jan Childers, nfsjan@uky.edu.