

Focus Team Year in Review

January –December 2009

G5F4 – Sustainable Housing and Home Environment

Faculty (as of 2/09/10-data are preliminary; do not distribute as final or use in reporting)

	Faculty Name	Unit	Effort*
1	Allen, Katherine K	Suwannee County - Northeast	20%
2	Bonsett, Monica Lynn	Citrus County - Central	35%
3	Bryant, Kathleen M	Volusia County - Central	30%
4	Cooper, Joanne G	St. Johns County - Central	20%
5	Copeland, Heidi B	Leon County - Northwest	15%
6	Corbus, Judith L	Washington County - Northwest	30%
7	Dorschel, Duska M	Duval County - Northeast	20%
8	Elmore, Joan P	Jackson County - Northwest	25%
9	Futch, Heather M	Hamilton County - Northeast	10%
10	Gellermann, Jeffrey P	St. Lucie County - South	20%
11	Gorimani, Elizabeth T	Gadsden County - Northwest	40%
12	Grant, Henry G	Gadsden County - Northwest	5%
13	Gregov, Carolyn A	Sarasota County - South Central	15%
14	Humphries, Deborah S	Taylor County - Northeast	13%
15	Kennington, Mary S	Orange County - Central	55%
16	Larson, Barbra C	Ag & Bio Engineering	20%
17	Lee, Dorothy C	Escambia County - Northwest	10%
18	Lee, Hyun-Jeong	Family, Youth and Community Sci	100%
19	Lenfesty, Karla A	St. Lucie County - South	50%
20	Moon, Molly K	Family, Youth and Community Sci	20%
21	Nayfield-Crisp, Mary E	Pasco County - South Central	30%
22	Norman, Audrey R	Palm Beach County - South	5%
23	Phillippe, Pamela D	Charlotte County - South Central	5%
24	Portelos-Romero, Maria J	Sarasota County - South Central	5%
25	Rogers, Brenda G	Manatee County - South Central	10%
26	Ross, Maisie	Palm Beach County - South	5%
27	Royer, Laura E	Osceola County - Central	35%
28	Ruppert, Kathleen C	Ag & Bio Engineering	65%
29	Schrader, Jacqueline B	Clay County - Northeast	10%
30	Spence, Lynda M	Marion County - Central	25%
31	Swenson, Shelley Elaine	Wakulla County - Northwest	1%
32	Thomas, Melanie L	Baker County - Northeast	15%
33	Turner, Muriel G	Levy County - Northeast	10%
34	Whitworth, Gayle O	Brevard County - Central	38%

35	Williams, Brenda C	Alachua County - Northeast	2%
36	Zamojski, Kendra M	Walton County - Northwest	10%

* Represents the faculty member's estimated time spent in this focus area as a portion of all programmatic effort expended during the year.

Clientele Contacts (as of 2/09/10-data are preliminary; do not distribute as final or use in reporting)

Comparison Group	Educational Materials	Field Visits	Office Visits	Group Participation	Phone Consults	Email Consults	Web Visits*
G5F4	332	1,034	731	43,076	4,665	5,357	466,848
Goal 5	2,953	48,290	9,433	740,752	35,626	49,747	4,680,535
All Goals	44,417	133,514	280,822	3,250,883	445,839	754,564	83,948,036

*Web Visits may contain duplicated counts.

Volunteers (as of 2/09/10-data are preliminary; do not distribute as final or use in reporting)

Comparison Group	Volunteer Headcount	Volunteer Hours
G5F4	1,101	19,687
Goal 5	6,606	177,422
All Goals	34,714	1,342,999

Multi-State Activity (as of 2/09/10-data are preliminary; do not distribute as final or use in reporting)

State	Faculty Headcount
Alabama	2
Alaska	1
Arkansas	8
Georgia	1
Iowa	1
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	2
Minnesota	1
Missouri	2
Mississippi	1
Nebraska	1
New York	1
North Carolina	2
South Carolina	1
Tennessee	2
Texas	2
Virginia	1
Unduplicated Headcount	2

Outcomes (as of 2/09/10-data are preliminary; do not distribute as final or use in reporting)

Comparison Group	Number Evaluated for Change in Knowledge	% Who Changed	Number Evaluated for Change in Behavior	% Who Changed	Number Evaluated for Change in Condition	% Who Changed
G5F4	4,480	89.6%	1,467	73.5%	1,671	70.9%
Goal 5	110,961	82.6%	111,162	81.4%	18,213	53.7%
All Goals	397,547	86.7%	283,225	75.9%	109,293	63.4%

Impacts (as of 2/03/10-data are unedited and preliminary; do not distribute as final or use in reporting)

Faculty (Author)	Unit	Impact/Outcome/Success Story
Bonsett, Monica Lynn	Citrus County - Central	According to secondary data received from the coordinator of the First Time Home Buyers classes in Citrus County, 154 families attended these classes in 2009. Of these, 50 (or 32.5%) completed the application process. 52% (26 people) were able to close on an affordable home. Note: There have been fewer closings this year compared to previous years due to limited funding availability and changes in the First Time Home Buyers Program.
Bryant, Kathleen M	Volusia County - Central	Success Story: Volusia County Down Payment Assistance administrators report a low (5%) foreclosure rate among this group of homebuyers. This lower rate is of foreclosure attributed to the education this audience receives to prepare them for homeownership.
Copeland, Heidi B	Leon County - Northwest	95% of the people who responded to the survey from the Climate Change Workshop Exit Survey stated that they planned to share the information and use the information in the future.
Corbus, Judith L	Washington County - Northwest	Many first-time homebuyers experience difficulty in securing funds for the down payment and closing costs for a home purchase. The State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program provides funds for down-payment and closing cost assistance to first-time homebuyers, enabling them to purchase a home and build wealth. During the period July 1, 2008 -June 30, 2009, the Washington County SHIP program distributed \$164,872.76 in down payment and closing cost assistance funds to 12 first-time homebuyers. Five of these 12 recipients built new homes, thereby improving undeveloped property and increasing the county's tax base. The total value of the homes, including land, purchased with SHIP funds equals \$1,348,500.00. The Holmes County SHIP program distributed \$70,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance funds to nine first-time homebuyers and \$118,157 in rehabilitation funds to seven current homeowners for repairs to their existing homes.
Gorimani, Elizabeth T	Gadsden County - Northwest	*14 (18%)out of 78 participants were qualified and purchased new homes in 2009 theses participants received assistance from the SHIPP program ranging from \$8000 - \$10000 in 2009. *10 (45%) out of 22 participants from the home rehabilitation program had maintenance work done on their homes, therefore improving their quality of life.

Grant, Henry G	Gadsden County - Northwest	<p>*78 people participated in the first time homebuyers education program and developed a budget, record keeping system, and a debt repayment plan</p> <p>*41 (52%) of the participants obtained their credit report from at least one of three credit reporting agencies ensuring that their credit files were correct.</p> <p>*20 (26%) of the participants planned to reduce their debt within the next six months and apply for a home mortgage.</p> <p>*16 (21%) of the participants corrected their credit and planned to purchase a home within one year after the homebuyer program.</p> <p>*14 (18%) participants were qualified and purchased new homes in 2009 these participants received assistance from the SHIPP program ranging from \$8000 - \$10000 in 2009.</p> <p>*10 (45%) participants from the home rehab program had maintenance work done on their homes, therefore improving their quality of life.</p>
Humphries, Deborah S	Taylor County - Northeast	<p>Five families completed the home buying process and purchased their own home in Taylor County in 2009. The total of SHIP funds expended for closing and down payment costs was \$32,491.00. The average purchase price of homes was \$71, 2262.00. The total sale price for the housing was \$365,918.00. There were no foreclosures in 2009 on previous houses purchased by SHIP applicants. Several families realized after taking the First Time Homebuyers Class they were not ready for home ownership and took steps to improve their credit and lower their debt load in order to qualify for future home ownership. The First Time Homebuyers class was offered more often and the agent served as the intake counselor for the program as well as the educator. The agent served as the link between the county administration and the Meridian agency which determines eligibility to streamline the process making it easier for applicants to apply. The agent spoke at several community meetings about the SHIP program to increase visibility of the program in the community.</p>
Kennington, Mary S	Orange County - Central	<p>Results of 2008 and 2009 Orange County Saves: Eco-Nomic Living Expo</p> <p>Since our objective was to motivate participants to incorporate “green living” as a daily practice, we conducted a 6-month and a 12-month random survey of participants to determine behavior changes after the workshop. As you can see by the table on the slide below -participants reported significant “green” lifestyle changes over a year’s time.</p> <p>2008 -2009 Orange County Saves: Eco-Nomic Living Expo</p> <p>Two Year Success 175 attendees 2008 152 attendees 2009 88% Set the thermostat to 78 degrees or higher during the warm weather 75% Regularly changed their air conditioner filter 67% Used “green” cleaning products 67% Purchased an organic or locally produced food 63% Shut off irrigation system when it was raining 46% Installed a water saving device</p> <p>Besides being beneficial in helping residents adopt more sustainable practices, this natural resource program generated other benefits. It strengthened Extension’s partnerships with both for profit and non-profit organizations, and it provided national recognition to Orange County across the national land-grant University System. The Orange County</p>

		Saves: Eco-Nomic Living Expo won state, regional and national recognition for being an innovative program responding to emerging needs of families and communities.
Lee, Hyun-Jeong	Family, Youth and Community Sci	In September 2009, the Department Family, Youth and Community Sciences in the Florida Cooperative Extension Service is approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency. This approval includes 25 county Extension offices in Florida and Hyun-Jeong Lee (Housing Specialist) is an administrator overseeing the related programs. This approval secures local and regional partnerships of homebuyer education programs in counties. County agents were financially supported to participate in HUD training programs to increase their competency to serve their clients.
Lenfesty, Karla A	St. Lucie County - South	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p>1) 270 of 355 (76%) of homeowner workshop participants increased their knowledge of windstorm damage mitigation for their home and personal safety as indicated by an end of course survey</p> <p>2) 2,734 residents participated in community Hurricane Expo or Educational events and obtained resources and materials to assist in preparing/mitigating their homes for hurricane season. As a result, post events, 29 homeowners visited and toured the UF/SLC/Windstorm Damage Mitigation Training and Demonstration Center to obtain additional education, information and resources to prepare/mitigate their homes.</p> <p>3)40 (91%) of INTACT program participants will develop or update and implement home mitigation and personal preparedness plans as indicated by an end of course survey. *(A pre-course survey of participants indicated that only 9% had any type of disaster or mitigation planning in place.)</p> <p>IMPACT: Hundreds of residents are better prepared for future storms with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions about surviving wind events, including personal preparedness planning, retrofitting property to withstand hurricane winds and reducing potential building and property damage</p> <p>OUTCOME: 40(91%) of INTACT grant program participants received panel hurricane shutters to protect their homes (value \$140,000) and all learned how to install and care for them.</p> <p>Impact: 40/44 families learned the importance of sealing the building envelop and their homes and families are safer for receiving panel shutters and their learning how to install and care for them.</p> <p>SUCCESS STORY: The value of mitigation education is something that is measured in the future. Disasters have adverse consequences on the social and economic wellbeing of a community. Damage and conditions after a disaster can overwhelm government and community. Residents implementing windstorm damage mitigation knowledge and skills can potentially decrease vulnerability of structures and environments; and reduce loss of life and property, including disruption to individuals, households, businesses and community. Post-disaster, those who have properly planned and prepared have an increased chance of surviving the event and may require little or no response from government or social</p>

		response organizations. Fewer individual demands are made on economic, human and natural resources, thereby, affecting the social and economic recovery to the area.
Nayfield-Crisp, Mary E	Pasco County - South Central	<p>Coastal Cleanup -A BIG Success! -This year, 1,400 volunteers were enlisted county-wide to collect trash (16.1 tons this year, .1 more than last year) from the coast, rivers, lakes, and roadways. FCS agent promotes the event county-wide as well as coordinates the volunteers at one of 28 sites (up from only 13 last year) that consistently has the largest number of volunteers (429 = 30.5% of total and showing a 5% increase in participation over last year). The generosity of local merchants in sponsorship and cash donations is approx. \$5,000/year and has remained about the same since the beginning of this event organized by FCS agent in Central Pasco 20 years ago.). Total volunteer support \$43,436 shows enhanced civic engagement/community involvement. Not only do 75-80% of participants return each year, they bring additional family, friends and neighbors!</p> <p>Extension GREEN Expo: Solutions for YOUR Life -Extension staff coordinated and invited local businesses to join in to put on our first annual GREEN Expo in Dade City. FCS agent with the help of 8 volunteers set up a 10' x 30' area in part of Higgins Hall with 6 exhibits promoting less-toxic alternatives for cleaning; reusable shopping bags; waste-free lunches; energy conservation and recycling. In the middle of the exhibit area was a hands-on presentation with interactive technology (clickers) for participants to test their knowledge and learn solutions for protecting their environment. Of the 64 participants, on pre-test 64% correctly identified the 3 Rs of Recycling (post test = 89%); 31% pre-test identified the toilet as using the most water in the hours (post test = 97%); only 28% correctly identified that 50% of household water was used inside the home but on pre-test the 92% had learned that fact! A total of 876 attended and several emails followed praising the event and looking forward to next year!</p>
Norman, Audrey R	Palm Beach County - South	Through working with Habitat for Humanity, we have been able to accomplish something that will have long term impact. It was noticed that the trees being required by county code were too large for the small lots and homes and there were too many for the small space required. Habitat was encouraged to seek a variance and letters were written expressing the height of the trees would ultimately potentially damage roofs during high wind storms, would require pruning by a professional, thereby burdening families with expenses excessive for limited income families; the roots would likely damage driveways and sidewalks in 5 -10 years and most significantly, roots would potentially damage underground plumbing. These letters were sent through the variance process and accepted. Newer homes in that Habitat community now have fewer and more appropriate trees that are unlikely to cause the damage as discussed above.
Royer, Laura E	Osceola County - Central	If Anyone Could Do it I Could Too! In 2008, a local Osceola County resident desired to purchase a home, but did not know where to begin. After finding about Osceola County Extension's A Home of Your Own class, she registered immediately. In her own words, she reflects on her experience upon taking the class. "I was very lost before I took this class and thought I was never going to be able to get a home. But after I took the class, it was well worth it. I realize if anyone could do it, I could. So I started saving right away, took the steps the class provided for me and I did it! I bought a home of my own! Now I have a beautiful home in a beautiful neighborhood that I provided for my new family thanks to this class!" Still

		going strong, Osceola County's first-time homebuyer program continues to help families realize the American Dream.
Ruppert, Kathleen C	Ag & Bio Engineering	Work with state and county faculty, including out of state specialists. All have used or adapted our materials for their clientele groups.
Schrader, Jacqueline B	Clay County - Northeast	70% of Home-buyer Ed participants will report a knowledge gain in skills of home maintenance as reported in a post-class survey. 95% stated they learned new skills. A former program participant stated she had seen a annual decrease in her electric bill of \$1,380.00. She credited this savings to changing her home lighting to compact-fluorescent bulbs, information learned in the program.
Thomas, Melanie L	Baker County - Northeast	While conducting a class on energy consumption a participant revealed that she and her husband have a constant debate over turning off fans when they leave the room and she needed an expert to settle the controversy. After attending the class she learned that fans do not cool the room, they only cool the person. Therefore the result of leaving a fan on when you leave the room is doing nothing but driving the electric bill up and wasting energy. As the client left the class she approached me and stated "you'll probably be hearing from my husband". Two day later I received the call. Her husband wanted to thank me because his wife came home and admitted she was wrong. Now all 5 ceiling fans are turned off unless there is someone in the room. Not only are they now conserving energy, I'm sure the electric bill is probably a bit lower.
Turner, Muriel G	Levy County - Northeast	Only 3 homes were purchased this year with SHIP funding -- due to the lackluster -- economy -- however, this still added 366,000.00 to the tax rolls of the county. Received HUD certification as part of the state wide application -- for this county and two others.
Williams, Brenda C	Alachua County - Northeast	A three-county coalition of FCS agents in Alachua, Levy and Marion counties has been formed to coordinate HUD approved home-buyer education classes provided by the agents in the three counties.