

V(A). Planned Program (Summary)

Program # 1

1. Name of the Planned Program

Families, Youth and Communities

Reporting on this Program

V(B). Program Knowledge Area(s)

1. Program Knowledge Areas and Percentage

| KA Code | Knowledge Area | %1862 Extension | %1890 Extension | %1862 Research | %1890 Research |
|---------|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 802 | Human Development and Family Well-Being | | 45% | | 0% |
| 806 | Youth Development | | 55% | | 0% |
| | Total | | 100% | | 0% |

V(C). Planned Program (Inputs)

1. Actual amount of FTE/SYs expended this Program

| Year: 2014 | Extension | | Research | |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|----------|------|
| | 1862 | 1890 | 1862 | 1890 |
| Plan | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Actual Paid | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Actual Volunteer | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

2. Actual dollars expended in this Program (includes Carryover Funds from previous years)

| Extension | | Research | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Smith-Lever 3b & 3c | 1890 Extension | Hatch | Evans-Allen |
| 0 | 231965 | 0 | 0 |
| 1862 Matching | 1890 Matching | 1862 Matching | 1890 Matching |
| 0 | 281681 | 0 | 0 |
| 1862 All Other | 1890 All Other | 1862 All Other | 1890 All Other |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

V(D). Planned Program (Activity)

1. Brief description of the Activity

Three focused programs were addressed in the Families, Youth and Communities Program. These included the **Arkansas AG Adventures and Awareness Program, Teens on the Go, and the Young Scholars Program**. The **Arkansas AG Adventures and Awareness Program** was implemented in the southeastern region of the state for students in elementary through high school. **Teens on the Go** is a newsletter that was developed for students in grades 7-12. Students received 6 issues of the newsletter during the school year. The **Young Scholars Program** was implemented in a housing project in Monroe County, located in the Delta Region of the State. The children, referred to as **Young Scholars**, met 5 days a week, year-long, in an after-school program that emphasized math and science skills. Parents of the children were also enrolled in the **Young Scholars Program** and met in small groups weekly. They focused on parenting education, stress management, coping and job related skills, family relationships, and economic-and self-sufficiency skills.

2. Brief description of the target audience

The target audiences included students in elementary through high school (Arkansas AG Adventures and Awareness Program), students in grades 7-12 (Teens on the Go), and low-income minority children and their families who live in a housing project (Young Scholars Program).

3. How was eXtension used?

Faculty used eXtension to learn about valuable resources they could use in programming. Some used eXtension for professional development opportunities.

V(E). Planned Program (Outputs)

1. Standard output measures

| 2014 | Direct Contacts Adults | Indirect Contacts Adults | Direct Contacts Youth | Indirect Contacts Youth |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Actual | 45 | 100 | 55 | 60000 |

2. Number of Patent Applications Submitted (Standard Research Output)

Patent Applications Submitted

Year: 2014

Actual: 0

Patents listed

3. Publications (Standard General Output Measure)

Number of Peer Reviewed Publications

| 2014 | Extension | Research | Total |
|--------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Actual | 0 | 1 | 0 |

V(F). State Defined Outputs

Output Target

Output #1

Output Measure

- The number of participants in these programs will include direct and indirect contacts with youth and adults.

| Year | Actual |
|------|--------|
| 2014 | 60200 |

V(G). State Defined Outcomes

V. State Defined Outcomes Table of Content

| O. No. | OUTCOME NAME |
|--------|---|
| 1 | To increase performance in school (Young Scholars Program), help students develop decision-making skills (Teens on the Go), help families gain economic security (parents enrolled in the Young Scholars Program), and to increase understanding and awareness of agriculture as a scientific discipline with many career opportunities (Arkansas AG Adventures and Awareness Program). |

Outcome #1

1. Outcome Measures

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2. Associated Institution Types

- 1890 Extension

3a. Outcome Type:

Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

3b. Quantitative Outcome

| Year | Actual |
|-------------|---------------|
| 2014 | 60200 |

3c. Qualitative Outcome or Impact Statement

Issue (Who cares and Why)

Policy makers, educators and the public in general continue to be concerned about the American family. In Arkansas nearly 7.5 percent of children live in communities that have been labeled severely distressed with high numbers of unemployment, high school dropouts and teenage pregnancies. Experts predict that many of these children have great odds to overcome.

What has been done

A newsletter, Teens on the Go was implemented 34 years ago to teach decision-making skills to students in grades 7-12. A Young Scholars Program was implemented 19 years ago to teach math and science skills to minority children living in a housing project. Parents of the children are also enrolled in the program.

Results

Total contacts with Teens on the Go were 60000. One student had this to say about Teens on the go: "This newsletter was very informative. It helped me make more positive decisions in my life." The Young Scholars Program is noted for helping low-income minority children improve school performance and graduate from high school. Ninety-four percent of students in the Young Scholars Program passed the Bench Mark test. Forty former Young Scholars are currently enrolled in a community college or a four year institution. More than 40 students have graduated from college.

4. Associated Knowledge Areas

| KA Code | Knowledge Area |
|----------------|---|
| 802 | Human Development and Family Well-Being |
| 806 | Youth Development |

V(H). Planned Program (External Factors)

External factors which affected outcomes

- Natural Disasters (drought, weather extremes, etc.)
- Economy
- Appropriations changes
- Populations changes (immigration, new cultural groupings, etc.)

Brief Explanation

The struggling economy affected the Young Scholars Program. As families lost jobs, beginning in 2008 many moved away to live with relatives. This affected the enrollment in the program. Many young mothers (16 to 18 year olds) and their children populate the housing project today; the interest in the program by these young mothers just is not there. After 19 years of implementation the Young Scholars Program was phased out in FY 2014. After 34 years of continuous development the 1890 Family and Child Development Specialist who is also the Associate Extension Administrator phased out Teens on the Go because her assignment in administration left little to develop the newsletter.

V(I). Planned Program (Evaluation Studies)

Evaluation Results

Students continue to credit Teens on the Go for helping them make good decisions. Total contacts from Teens on the Go in FY 2014 was 60000. One student had this to say about Teens on the Go: "this newsletter was very informative. It helped me make more positive decisions in my life." Ninety-four percent of children in the Young Scholars Program had an increase in school performance. Forty-two percent of parents in the Young Scholars Program reported meeting monthly financial obligations. Fifty-six percent of parents reported having food last to the end of the month. When food security was first tracked in the program very few parents reported having food last to the end of the month.

Key Items of Evaluation

Teens on the Go is in its 34th year of implementation. Total contacts with Arkansas' 7-12 grade students were 60000. Topics included: 1) Words Can Hurt: Kids are Standing up to Bullying at School; 2) Head of the Class--Treat Your Teacher Well; 3) Lost in Love: Keeping True to You When You're One of Two, 4) Tangled Web: The Intersection of Sexuality and Cell Phones, E-mail and the Internet, 5) The Power and Peril of Cults, and 6) "My name is Eric, and I'm an Addict." The Young Scholars Program was implemented in a housing project in Brinkley. The children referred to as **Young Scholars** met 5 days a week, year long, in an after school program that emphasized math and science skills. Parents enrolled in the Young Scholars Program met in small groups weekly and focused on parenting education, stress management, coping and job related skills, family relationships, and economics and self-sufficiency skills.