Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program Summary

Institution: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service – Family & Consumer Sciences

Program: Family & Community Educator Master Volunteer Program

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The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service-Family & Consumer Sciences counts with close to 4,000 members of the Oklahoma Home & Community Education, Inc. (OHCE) to reach out to Oklahomans on a daily basis. These OHCE members work closely and are trained and advised by FCS county Extension educators on a series of research-based educational programs.

After receiving the Master FCS Volunteer program materials, we created online modules in the FCS county educator core competencies training D2L site. All educators are completing these modules and our next step is to have them train OHCE members on the very basics of FCS and Cooperative Extension so they can acquire the knowledge needed to succeed as FCS volunteers.

In addition, these core competencies training is now available to all our FACS Education students so they can be introduced to FCS Extension and graduate ready to volunteer and/or become an Extension professional. We have plans to have these Master FCS Volunteer Modules available to all new and existing faculty members in the College of Human Sciences.

For a video explanation of this approach go to: http://youtu.be/Q4L43IF9Cic