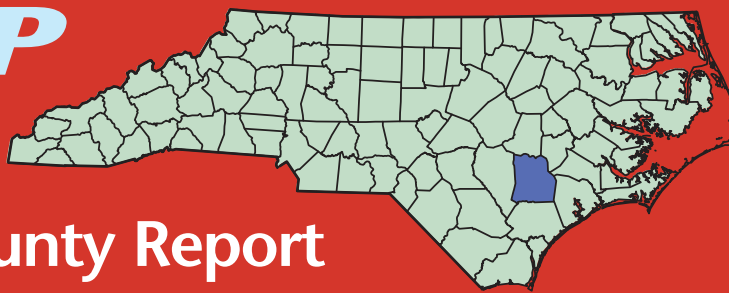




EFNEP



Duplin County Report

EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM

Helping North Carolina Families Eat Smart and Move More: 2008 Program Successes for Duplin County

Results of the 47 families participating in EFNEP

- 43% showed improvement in their diet.
- 82% of EFNEP participants showed improvement in their resource management practices.
- 85% of EFNEP participants showed improvement in their nutrition practices.
- 77% of EFNEP participants showed improvement in their food safety practices.
- 71% increased their amount of physical activity.

Adult Program Success

Following several years without a program and frustrated with a growing population of limited resource families in need of nutrition education, Duplin County partnered with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) to reintroduce EFNEP to the community. After less than a year, participants are already sharing how the program is making a difference in their lives. During a presentation to Head Start teachers, two recent graduates gave a testimonial about the value of EFNEP to their family. They encouraged other parents to participate and shared how much they had learned about healthy food preparation, food budgeting and food safety.



The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), serves limited-resource families with young children, school-age youth, and pregnant teens through a series of lessons offered by paraprofessionals and volunteers, many of whom are indigenous to the population. Using "hands-on" experiences, participants are taught to: make wise choices with their food dollars, improve eating habits, and practice food safety principles.

EFNEP is offered through North Carolina Cooperative Extension as a part of university outreach at NC State University and NC A&T State University. In 2008, North Carolina EFNEP served 45 counties.

EFNEP's mission is to assist families and youth with limited resources in making simple changes in eating behaviors and daily physical activity so that, over time, healthy choices become healthy habits.



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