

## **Central Region HHI April 2012**

### **Faulkner County**

The Faulkner County Healthy Weight Coalition is working on promoting built environments in Conway and the Farmers Market. They have partnered with Marguerette Vann Elementary school on a bicycling activity scheduled in May.

The Breast Feeding Peer Counselor has done several presentations in Conway to promote breastfeeding and WIC.

In Stall news is being implemented into local worksites, Faulkner County Boys and Girls Clubs, Greenbrier City Center and the local health unit. This project provides information and education around local public health issues, including tobacco education, injury prevention, oral health, mass flu, etc.

### **Garland County**

NO report available. LHU administrator has retired.

### **Grant County**

Grant County is collaborating with several key partners including, Arkansas Children's Hospital Statewide Injury Prevention Program, AR Cooperatvie Extension – 4H, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the local county youth board for an ATV Safety Day. This event is a pilot project that will be held on Saturday, May 5 at the Grant County Fair Grounds to provide education and information to prevent injuries associated with ATV's and farm equipment. The 4H is working with the Poyen and Sheridan schools to provide some ATV safety education to the schools, as well as, hosting an ATV riding class after school.

Grant County, in working with these partners, was able to get a proclamation declaring April as Arkansas ATV Safety Month by Governor Beebe.

### **Lonoke County**

Lonoke County is looking to revamp their annual countywide Fitness Challenge. It has become a challenge more between the three community fitness centers in the county and they want it focused more on overall community participation. The health educator is working with them to develop a plan to role out in the near future.

They have applied for a sponsorship to provide some tobacco education activities in the county. They hope to use a portion of this money for their annual poster contest and calendar.

### **Perry County**

Perry County HHAT in collaboration with AR Children's Hospital hosted a Baby Safety Shower Train the Trainer and Baby Shower on April 19. They are preparing to host another Baby Shower in the coming months.

Fluoride has become a topic of discussion once again in Perry County. Perry County worked diligently in recent years to get their water fluoridated. With the new mayor it has once again become an issue of discussion and the HHATs team is preparing to provide the education needed surrounding the importance of fluoridation and to make sure their county is in compliance with the state law.

## **Pulaski County**

### **North Little Rock**

NLR continues to work with the mayor's staff and the CPPW Fit 2 Live. CPPW continues to grow their built environments in North Little Rock. They just hosted a ribbon cutting for a new trail that was opened on one of the old Union Pacific railroads.

## **Jacksonville**

**No report submitted**

## **Southwest Little Rock & Midtown**

Collaborated to provide education at various events in SWLR and Midtown during the month of April

SWLR continues to collaborate with the local schools, community groups and faith based organizations within the community

- Working with the SW Community Center and Ocean Dental to provide Oral health screenings for seniors and youth
- Medicine Safety/Poison Prevention – SW Community Center Seniors
- “Color My Plate” presentation/activity – SW Community Center after school youth

Both groups are working with the City Senior Program Manager to provide health and safety presentations and education for seniors.

### **Midtown**

- Presentation at JA Fair High School at Parent Night on Tobacco
- Presentation at JA Fair High School at Parent Night on Underage Drinking and had a drunk driving goggles demonstration

## **Saline County**

Saline County collaborated with the coalition to provide presentations during Public Health Week. A presentation was provided each day on the identified topic of discussion.

## **Support Staff**

The Central Region HHI Support staff continues to work with the coalitions and communities throughout the region to provide them with the technical assistance, resource information, and education they need in order to assist them with their projects and programs.

We have increased our In Stall News in Faulkner County with partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club, Greenbrier City Center, Conway Parks and Recreation and local worksites.

We have worked closely with Grant County to prepare for the upcoming ATV Safety Fair. This is a pilot project that is being planned to implement in all counties in the state.

Two of our health educators are working with TPCP in regards to a comprehensive tobacco policy on college campuses within our region. We are looking at a couple of colleges and universities to collaborate with on this.

We have several Lunch and Learns that we are hosting through our local coalitions during the month of May. We are preparing for these with the information to include: Boating and Water Safety and Teen Driving/ Distracted Driving.

The CHP and Health Educator collaborated with AR Children's Hospital Statewide Injury Prevention Program to host three different Teen Driving 101 classes. These were held at Jacksonville High School, Robinson High School and McClellan High School. A Teen Driving 101 Train the Trainer was also hosted in April in the Central Region in order to provide this education outside of Pulaski County in our other counties.

Several presentations and display boards were done in all but two of our counties during Public Health Week surrounding the identified topics.

An Obesity Advocacy Workshop was presented by the CR CHP at the AR SOPHE Conference and is planning for a Medication Administration Training scheduled for May. The CHP has also been working with the NLR School District Staff Wellness committee on a staff wellness policy.

CHN is working with Sheridan Police Chief to provide an in-service to the police department on ACT 811 of 2011.