

HHI At-a-Glance

Jan - Feb 2012



Southeast Region

Bradley County – The LHU hosted a free vision screening for Glaucoma Awareness in their parking lot on January 24th. The free eye screenings were provided through the Friend of the Congressional Glaucoma Foundation. Each attendee received blood pressure and blood sugar screenings prior to the vision screenings. There were 50 attendees.

Southwest Region

Little River County—The Lafayette County LIFE Coalition celebrated 7 successful years on January 12th. Dr. Pat Antoon, a new local physician, was asked to speak about his practice and his investment in the local community.



A summary of past, present and future projects of the coalition was also presented. The celebration brought about some great brainstorming ideas of

partnering with other programs with similar goals and also incorporated some new memberships. Officers were selected and a group picture was taken after the group enjoyed a lunch from Burge's that was provided by Hometown Health. In an effort to promote flu vaccinations to all patients entering the local health unit, a bulletin board was designed by Administrator Tonya Clark, RN, to encourage all visiting the LHU to receive their flu vaccine.

Northeast Region

Poinsett County—Feb 8th & 9th, Laura Cook, Community Health Nurse Specialist, presented to the Marked Tree High School Agri and Career Orientation Classes. The topics included first-aid and safety related to cuts, bleeding, burns, hands only CPR and head injury



and concussions. Also, included was texting while driving, the dangers of smoking and using smokeless tobacco and poison control. Resources were provided to students and teacher that included poison control magnets and stickers, ADH First Aid Kits without medication, SOS pencils and pamphlets on texting while driving and smokeless tobacco. Students also participated in an online quiz on concussions. There were 40 students going through the classes per day.

Central Region

University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) hosted a Growing Healthy Community Healthy Harvest Summit December 8, 2011 from 9am-1pm at the UALR Donaghey Student Center. Dr. Joe Thompson was the keynote speaker at the event. The summit was part of the UALR department of Health Sciences Growing Healthy Communities grant which also included a Wellness Fair that took place September 15-17 for residents who reside within the university district and an expansion of the 30 raised garden beds they completed for 30 residents in June 2011. The effort spear-headed by the UALR Department of Health Sciences also included community collaboration from Hometown Health Improvement and the City of Little Rock.

Northwest Region

Searcy County – A health screening event was held at the LHU to recognize heart healthy month. Ozark Mtn. Health network Reach out and Connect program provided BP, glucose and lipid panel screenings to participants. Heart health recipes were provided as well as heart healthy snacks. Evaluation of screenings was done by trained providers with who educated participants on measures to improve health and decrease risks. Fifteen individuals were screened and 9 of them had abnormal cholesterol or glucose levels.