

HHI At-a-Glance

May - June 2012

Southeast Region

Lincoln County - School Apparel, Inc. manufactures clothing in Star City. This company currently has approximately 250 to 500 employees. School Apparel



employees had the opportunity to have their cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood glucose checked at the worksite wellness event held on April 16th. Over 91 employees attended the event. Students from SEARK along with Debbie Riley, Lincoln County Local Health Unit Administrator, conducted the screenings.

Southwest Region

Sevier County – Renovations are underway on the campus of Cossatot Community College (CCCUA) in DeQueen to make way for the new Cossatot Community Health Center. The clinic has a tentative opening date of June 1.

Since Sevier County is one of the most medically underserved counties in Arkansas, the center's opening is much anticipated by supporters. The clinic will serve patients who



have no insurance or are under insured and will operate on a sliding fee schedule. There are 3 exam rooms (one big enough for a dentist chair in the future), an office for the nurses, and a break room. CCCUA has also donated the continued use of several classrooms (building C) for ongoing health education classes. Healthy Connections has received a \$5,000 grant to help with advertising and marketing for the new clinic.

Northeast Region

Izard County – Jennifer Lynch assisted the Tobacco Coordinator and High School Counselor to

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present ATV safety and tobacco education to 111 students at Izard County Consolidated High School. A 93% increase of correct answers was noted from the pre and post test.

Central Region

Cadets at the Arkansas National Guard's Youth Challenge Program recently participated in a demonstration

on fat and sugar content in some of their favorite foods. Anna Haver and Laura Taylor provided a nutrition education



workshop where participants learned about the current My Plate recommendations, avoiding portion distortion, and were provided tips for healthy food shopping. Youth Challenge is an intervention pro-gram for at risk youth in Arkansas. Approximately 90 cadets in the current class attended the workshop provided in early May.

Northwest Region

The Madison County Health Coalition was recently recognized on the state level by the Arkansas Prevention Network (APNet) for its hard work and dedication to prevention in Madison County. APNet is the state-wide association for prevention professionals in Arkansas and the organization's objectives are to advocate for prevention issues, to promote prevention as a viable service and provide networking opportunities.

Some of the coalition's projects include a Teen Summit on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Tobacco Education and Prevention, Health Fairs, Breast Health Education and Navigation, Health Resource Guides, Safety Baby Showers as well as many other projects.