

## **Southeast Region HHI report for October 2011**

**Arkansas County:** The fall program at the Park Avenue Elementary after school program (21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Project) focused on physical activity. There are 108 children enrolled in this program. The ACPIH AmeriCorp goes once a month with a special educational focus of fun and learning.

Organ Wise Guys continues for 475 Kindergarten and First Grade Students in Arkansas County.

Lennox Factory is attempting to become a Tobacco Free Worksite with assistance from the LHU and HHISS.

Pink Ribbons were passed out to clients at both LHU's on October 7<sup>th</sup> and all staff wore pink to promote breast cancer awareness and breast health.

**Ashley County:** Turnip, mustard and collard greens were planted at the Ashley county Community Garden which is coordinated by the Ashley County HHI coalition and the 4 H Club. The 4H club planted the greens.

**Chicot County:** The Arkansas Minority Health Commission Forum (AMHC) quarterly event was held in Lake Village where community members were invited to share questions/concerns about health. The AMHC held the quarterly health fair in Lake Village and a mass Flu clinic was held in conjunction with the Health Fair. The Community Health Nurse, Lisa England, set up a booth using bubbles to demonstrate how germs from uncovered coughs and sneezes spread called "Say Boo to Flu".

**Cleveland County:** Dr. Mouden attended Cleveland County HHI 6 year coalition celebration meeting to discuss Oral Health. His presentation was called Putting the Bite in Public Health: Solutions to the Oral health Crisis-Fluoridation Celebration. Very informative to group about the positive effects of fluoridation and the myths associated with it. There have been a lot of questions and concerns about fluoridation in the water.

**Desha County:** County gave a space for the garden in McGehee in walking distance so community members will have access to fresh greens (and help keep it picked). Community members donated their time/equipment and planted the seeds. Other community members are watering it until rain.

Go Pink For the Cure was promoted on October 7<sup>th</sup> by all coalition members and partners wearing Pink.

**Drew County:** Several events around Breast Cancer awareness were held including Paint the Pond Pink 5K walk and the Pink out Game event at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Guests were asked to wear pink, in honor of breast cancer, or gray, which was in honor of brain

cancer “Go Pink for the Cure Day” was proclaimed throughout organizations to wear Pink on October 7th .

Injury Prevention material was given to the Drew Memorial Hospital to be used in education events there.

**Jefferson County:** Jefferson County Mayor’s office proclaimed October 7<sup>th</sup> as Go Pink for the Cure Day in Pine Bluff. Many local organizations and agencies wore pink on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Pine Bluff has just received a Walking Trail award from the Governor Fitness Council as being an outstanding trail.

**Lincoln County:** The Annual Memory Walk was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. This walk is dedicated to the approximately 983,000 babies that die each year through miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death. This walk also symbolically joins all the people nationwide who are working to raise awareness on parental grief and ensure sensitive care is given to parents that experience a miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death. Participants meet at the park and after a short ceremony walked in memory of a child.

**Monroe County:** At the annual Fall Fest/Lick Skillet information on a variety of topics was distributed to over 800 attendees as this is a community event that happens every fall. The coalition has now planted their fall community garden.

Breast Care Presentation was done at the Mid South Health Systems to the older population.

**Phillips County:** The annual Rainbow Event was held in Helena-West Helena on 10-1-2011 serving 189 community members. This is a health and education street fair taking the information to a public housing area and setting up local providers so people can walk from their home and get information on health issues, DHS, SNAP program, college information and all resources from the community.

**Community Health Nurse Specialist/Community Health Promotion Specialist:** The CHNS and CHPS from Arkansas River Cooperative participated in the Red Ribbon Rally held in the Ball park with over 300 kids participating.

## **STAR.Health**

The Birthing Project in Chicot County had an exciting month with 3 Chicot County ADH employees going to the Black Hall of Fame to see Kathryn Hall-Trujillo inducted into the Black Hall of Fame. Then on that Monday a video conference was held explaining the background of Black Hall of Fame, STAR.Health and Birthing Project with Kathryn Hall-Trujillo being the main speaker. A reception was held for her later that evening in Lake Village at 6:00 PM so that

she could meet the Volunteer Sister/Friends and community members dropped in to show support of the Birthing project. The Birthing Project now has 36 volunteers and 31 Little Sisters.

3 AmeriCorp Volunteers will be provided to STAR.Health for RX assistance program and to assist with HHI activities in Lincoln and Desha Counties. The Delta Hospital Alliance provided the MATCH funding.