

**Southeast Region  
CHNS/CHPS  
March 2014 Report**

**Cassie Lewis**

- Provided two Child Maltreatment trainings for schools in Arkansas River Education Cooperative- AM & PM Sessions (evaluations very good and received good questions from the group).
- Meeting with two new nurses to check on status in Schools.
- Met with Lee County Superintendent about grant application for athletic hydration equipment for school and got necessary signatures for application.
- Met with Brinkley School Nutrition supervisor to talk about Wellness Committee meetings. Next meeting on April 7th. Will bring in Rosemary Withers in to talk to group about revamping wellness policies and strategies to improve participation in wellness meetings.
- Met with Forrest City High School Principal and team to talk about plans for the upcoming Safe Prom Even scheduled for May. Spoke to Hughes and Brinkley Superintendents about busing their students to the event. Hughes agreed to bus students. Brinkley declined to attend the event.
- Visit with Hughes administration and school nurse. Plans for a fun day and mini health fair for teachers and school staff on May 2nd. St. Francis Co. HHI will provide healthy snacks for the event.
- March 24-March 28 Spring Break Festival for students in low income housing area. Sponsored by St. Francis Co. HHI and Semper Fidelis Women and Girls club. CHNS attended 3 days and provided health education including tobacco, bullying, appropriate etiquette, communication and managing manners to the group. 75-100 children and some adults attended the activities daily. Media coverage provided by announcements of events provided by CHNS. Verbal evaluations at the end of each event from the youth were very positive and 100% said they would attend again next year. Tobacco coloring books provided for about 200 youth at the Annual Spring Break Fest during Spring Break.

**Liz Mercer**

- Received Arkansas Cancer Coalition grant for \$1000.00 for outreach on ACT 811: for the month of April and May Banners will be placed at the pick-up and drop off for children at all elementary school for one week each, placing posters in all elementary schools and sending home fact cards with ACT 811 on them.
- Participated in two Webinars- e-Cigarettes and Policy Changes and Webinar- Lies, Tricks, Cover – ups- An update on Tobacco Industry Tactics.
- Facilitated two sessions of Child Maltreatment at ARESC (provided by Cassie Lewis, CHNS): 21 participants.
- Provided Disaster Preparedness booklets, Received and ordered Emergency preparedness supplies, discussed Immunization clinics in schools for Dollarway School District.

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- Attended E-school training at ARESC - the program school nurses will be entering BMI, Vision, Hearing, and Immunization Data
- Reported and Reviewed with ARESC Board Members at their monthly meeting: progress on ACT 811 Cancer Coalition Grant, New Immunization Information, Commissioner's Memo on Medical Waste Disposal for school districts and Changes in School Tobacco Laws- ACT 1099 and reviewed forms of tobacco.
- Attended Grant County Hometown Health Coalition meeting: reviewed Coalition goals, Tobacco Grant Sponsorship 500.00 for High School Seniors for College, Injury Prevention Grant- providing Helmets and knee pads , ATV prevention and discussion on how to get sexual/drug abuse in schools.
- Attended Jefferson County Growing Healthy Communities; discussed Communities projects, Diabetes awareness and presentation on Healthy Food from the Fishing Industry.
- Attended Southeast Region LHU Administrators Meeting; reviewed new Immunization Laws and Clinics to be provided in school setting.
- Attended CHNS meeting in LR- discussed new immunization laws with Paula Smith.

#### **Lisa England**

- Spent several days with new CHNS from ARESC.
- Currently in the planning stage for SEARK Children's Festival scheduled for April which is a Celebration of the Young Child in Monticello at McCloy Park for families from Chicot, Desha, Ashley, Bradley, and Drew counties.
- Partnering with SEARK ESC CSH AmeriCorps program.
- Assisting SEARK Minority Youth Tobacco Prevention Initiative.
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#### **Rosemary Withers**

- Received and provided update at Pine Bluff School Based Health Clinic meeting.
- Provided technical assistance at Pine Bluff Lighthouse wellness meeting.
- Participated in Arkansas County Partners in Health meeting.
- Participated in CHAC meeting.
- Participated in CHPS meeting.
- Participated in No Kids Hungry Campaign event.
- Organized, planned, and facilitated Jefferson County Growing Healthy Communities celebration meeting; provided presentation on the goals and objectives for the coalition (25 participants).
- Provided update at SE Region Hometown Health Administrator meeting.
- Provided nutrition education training at UAMS Kids' First meeting (45 participants).
- Met with Co-op Director and provided updates.