

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

Cassie Lewis

- Partnered with UAMS-East to educate participants on dangers of tobacco use while doing check points on infant car seats and providing new car seats where needed. Event sponsored by UAMS-East and the Phillips Co. Health Unit. Participants received Act 811 Cards and were educated s on this law, as well as offered information on the Arkansas Quit Line. Thirty participants were educated.
- Participated in Brinkley Best Lab annual youth fair. CHNS spoke to 50 youth about dangers of tobacco products, provided quitline numbers for parents as well as Act 811 cards. CHNS used teaching models-Black hairy tongue, Mr. Gross Mouth, Black lung, lung model with pump to show effect of emphysema on smoked out lung. 50 youth took SOS quit line magnets to provide quitline # for parents or relatives who smoke.
- Personal Care training for paraprofessionals at GREC sponsored by MITS staff. See SE Outreach Report.
- Prepared materials for and offered 2 sessions of Child Maltreatment at GREC for any school employees who had not received this school year's mandatory training. Letter to Superintendents and Principals of schools in GREC about training. Training also to all school nurses and flyer sent to post at schools. CHNS offered an AM and a PM session. Two persons in attendance for A.M. Session. No attendants for P.M. session.
- Assisted with Safe Prom/Graduation Promise event held at Forrest City High School. Skit inside with student actors portraying a tragic accident in which the star football player, drunk while driving, injured multiple students due to his actions. The outside scene included students involved in a two-car collision in which multiple students played toe roles of injured and two students killed. The event was narrated by the Arkansas State Police. The youth learned a valuable lesson as later it was learned that face book and social media exploded about the event. The event was a huge success with two school districts attended (approximately 280 participants).
- Collaborated with the school nurse to provide a field/play day for students in the Hughes School District - students grades K-6 enjoyed play stations outside (approximately 200 participants).

Liz Mercer

- Tobacco Prevention Banner making drivers aware of Act 811 was posted outside each elementary school in the Stuttgart school district where the students were dropped off and picked up. The banner was displayed for two weeks. Act 811 posters were placed in Watson Chapel, White Hall, Dollarway and Stuttgart Elementary Schools. Act 811 fact cards were sent home in each child's backpack, in Watson Chapel, Dollarway, & Stuttgart (over 5000 students impacted in the school districts).

- Attended Arkansas Partners in Health meeting- discussed ArCop training, Baptist Health Community Assessment they are focusing on obesity, smoking, & Diabetes, Back to School Festival local health unit will try and open that day to give immunizations.
- Attended Growing Healthy Communities- Assisting in writing grant for AED for ARESC, and for CHNS to be certified as a CPR instructor.
- Attended SEATRAC meeting in Monticello, focus for their Injury prevention will be Safety Baby showers and attempting to provide Monticello schools with ATV helmets.
- Meeting with Pine Bluff School nurses, teachers, Kathleen Courtney & Tamara Baker on CDC funding of Promoting Health through School Based HIV/STD Prevention & State Public Health Action to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health that works in conjunction with each other. Discussed the benefits that the district would receive.
- Attended a ATV Training at Poyen School, around 200 ATV helmets were given out to students, Hydration & Tobacco education was given.

Lisa England

- Attended Injury Prevention 101 at ARESC.
- Met with new Monticello Library administration to discuss partnership for November 2014 Injury Prevention Month.
- Attended SETRAC meeting and reported Injury Prevention activities I had conducted or attended in SEARK.
- Attended ACH Bullying Prevention Training.
- Meeting with CSH AmeriCorps regarding member training June 2nd and Dumas Elem canned food drive.
- School visits to McGehee and Dermott met with superintendents and elem. principals regarding CSH AmeriCorps for next year and increased emphasis on physical activity in the classroom and recess. (Dermott has never had CSH AmeriCorps they requested two members, McGehee committed to two members again this coming school year.
- Met with LHU Administrators via B-Top to discuss current activities and how we can collaborate on projects.
- Assisting SEARK ESC with SEARK Minority Youth Tobacco Prevention Initiative (Act 811 Banner Campaign). Positive feedback regarding the banners- schools requesting they be put up next year and are interested in other preventive health banners being displayed.

Rosemary Withers

- On-going preparation for School Wellness Committee conferences for ARESC, Great Rivers and Southeast Arkansas.
- Met with Community Health Nurse Specialist at Lee County School District's Wellness Committee to assist with reestablishing wellness committee activities; emailed the wellness chair all of the wellness documents.
- Partnered with HIPPPY regarding ArCOP project that will provide an opportunity for physical activity with preschool children enrolled in HIPPPY program.

- Participated in the National Minority Research Symposium on Tobacco and Addictions and UAPB Clearing the Air Conference.
- Participated in the Bullying Prevention Facilitator training.
- Chaired Jefferson County Growing Healthy Communities coalition; worked on Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention grant (ArCOP).
- Participated in Central Region HHHISS meeting - provided input regarding school health, tobacco and injury prevention work plans; participated in SE Region HHI meeting - provided input for injury and tobacco work plans.
- Participated in Injury Prevention 101 training.