

**In the process of writing annual Report of Accomplishments 2014/Plan of Work 2015 and the following are included:**

**2014 Awards**

**National:**

- **Healthier US School Challenge** – Pasco received 5 Bronze awards/\$500 each for local elementary schools (3 in Hernando/2 achieved Bronze). This is a Team award. **FCS** agent served as area coordinator for Pasco-Hernando under a MOU/grant between UF and FDACS and helped to develop teams at each school and included **FNP** program assistants teaching nutrition education, 5 local **Chefs** doing taste tests, and **Master Gardeners** helping establish/maintain school gardens at those locations.
- Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Chapter of Merit – Team award for Florida Alpha Delta Chapter. Agent played a specific role for the second time (also achieved in 2012) due to the requirement to have diversity as part of that effort (*see award below*).

**Regional:**

- **ESP Diversity and Multi-Cultural Award** – Individual – **FCS** agent won at state and national levels for the spin-off program from teaching Pasco County employees “Workplace Diversity and Harassment Prevention” which won recognition as a team several years ago. Agent identified a need to start in the early years to integrate the celebration of diversity and promote understanding. Program has been presented for the Early Learning Coalition Regional Conferences in 2012 and 2014.

**State:**

- **Florida Department of Health Healthy School District Award – Silver** – Team – **FCS** agent serves on the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) and works closely with school nurses to provide nutrition and wellness lessons through the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) grant/staff of 5 program assistants.

**Local:**

- **Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce – Community Leader of the Year** – **FCS** agent nominated for 23 years of service to Central Pasco for coordinating an average of 500 volunteers (approx. 1,000-1200 county-wide) each year for the Pasco County Coastal Cleanup (came in 2<sup>nd</sup>-Place).

**Note: USDA SnapEd Funded Pasco FNP Grant for 2015 just approved at \$364,674 (+37% to add 3 new PAs + Coordinator!)**

**Accomplishments: (from County report for October...)**

- **FCS** – Agent was invited to present three classes at annual FAHCE Conference in Altamonte Springs as well as help fill-in for state specialist/advisor who suddenly took ill. “ABCs of Getting Good ZZZs;” “Celebrating 90 years of FAHCE” (from an agent’s perspective) for opening session; and “New Technology: How to Access the FYCS Website” – 96 attended.
- **FCS** – Agent was invited to present two classes for the Early Coalition Annual Regional Conference. “Creating Work-Family Balance” and “Diversity through the Eyes of Children” – Attendance at each session was limited to 26 but almost 200 attended the entire one-day conference for childcare providers.
- **FCS** – Agent continues to provide “Workplace Diversity and Harassment Prevention” classes to Pasco County employees in Land O’ Lakes and New Port Richey approx. six times a year (as team of 3 presenters) with class averaging 10-24.
- **FNP** program assistants (5) taught “Fight BAC” (proper handwashing and food safety) 120 classes, reaching 2,107 students (just in time for cold/flu season (not to mention threats of enterovirus and Ebola).
- **FNP** program assistants (3) taught parents “Healthy Eating on a Budget” and How to Stretch Food Dollars” to Head Start parent group and as part of the Pasco County Health Departments “World Food Day” Celebration. In addition, PA assisted with mass food distribution at local food bank, sharing FNP “Nutrition in Action” newsletters and info. (Total: 3 groups/reached 279).
- **FNP** program assistant taught 62 older adults at 3 Elderly Nutrition Program sites about “Seafood Nutrition and Food Safety.”
  - **Home and Community Education volunteers** (16) donated a total of 2,002 hours (reached 7,283 citizens plus 234,236 media contacts) to Pasco County in **2014** (x \$21.24 in FL 2013 figures by Independent Sector) = **\$42,522.48**



**Success Story:** “I Seafood and I Eat It!” Pasco County Elderly Nutrition (3 sites/62 people) participants learned all about “Sensational Seafood” in the month of October. The **Family Nutrition Program (FNP)** covered information on the benefits of eating seafood, the importance of safe handling and selecting and purchasing from reputable vendors. Some of the participants offered information about their past experiences with fishing in Florida and asked questions about mercury content. They also expressed concern about the high price of purchasing fresh. Our FNP program assistant explained that frozen seafood is a “good catch” at the marker, especially when it is on sale!