FEAFCS Quarterly South District Report
Submitted by:
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Brenda Marty Jimenez – Broward County
Personal
None
Professional Accomplishments and Highlights:
- Serving as a Nutrition Food Safety and Health focus team member (G5-F3)
- Member of the FEAFCS awards and bylaw committees
- Participated in the Broward County DOH-Step Up Florida Kick-off event held in February.
- Conducted a five week weight control program for the Stirling Branch Library.
- Presented 12 MyPyramid lectures during March and April.
- Presented a hurricane preparedness program to citizens at Imperial Point Library.
- Helped to coordinate the FCS breakout session at the South District Meeting held in April.
- Participating in the Broward County Parks – Commit2BFit task force.
- Served as a member of the Public Health Departments Nutrition and Fitness Task Force. Helped to create a strategic plan that will be presented at the May 12th Obesity Summit in Davie, FL.
- Working on three year tenure and promotion packet.

Grants, Gifts & Donations:
None

Monica Dawkins - Miami-Dade County
Professional Accomplishments and Highlights
- Attended Florida/Georgia Family and Consumer Sciences First Combined State Conference, in Tallahassee. Exhibited “Tropicals are Good Nutrition, and distributed publication developed. Currently District J Program of Work Chair.
- Member of FEAFCS professional development committee, also on FCS recipe book committee. Serving as FCS South District Director.
- As member of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade, served on planning committee and assisted with kick off for the Mayor’s Initiative on Aging; an awareness campaign on wellness and safety for senior residents; where 1200 seniors were addressed by Mayor Alvarez, Josefina Carbonel US Secretary on Aging and Carol Green Florida Secretary of Elder Affairs.
- Serving on the Health Consortium’s Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Committee. Coordinating nutrition component for ‘Mission To Health’, a faith based grant form the Bleu Foundation of Blue Cross Blue Shield, to address cardio vascular disease reduction in targeted black populated communities.
- Served on review for six grants from the Alliance for Human Services, totaling $2,674,884
- Hired and trained replacement bi-lingual English-Creole speaking EFNEP Program Assistant; to continue nutrition programming with Haitian-Creole speaking population.
- Agent and PAs attended EFNEP/FNP training in Gainesville, where new nutrition curriculum was launched. Assisted with curriculum review prior to printing. Conducted review and enhanced training of curriculum for PAs.
- EFNEP PAs graduated 137 participants
- Serving on the Alliance for Human Services Health Cluster-Task Force. Helped re-structure goals, objectives and action steps of the social Services Master Plan.
- Invited as guest on WMBM’s Jackson Hospital Health and Wellness Radio Hour. Discussed nutrition and disease risk reduction, and nutrition relative to HIV.
- Presentations: *16th Annual Black Family Symposium,* FIU graduate dietetic students *Florida Memorial University undergraduate science students, *Head Start parent council, * FENEP groups at a shelter a school and WIC * Gave approximately 8 presentations on the new MyPyramid to various groups
- Agent and PA participated in County DOH Step-Up Florida Kick-off event in February. Contributed 125 youth and adult nutrition publications for goodie bags.
- Judged for Miami-Dade County Public Schools FCS/FCCLA proficiency events.
- Developed two power point presentations on: Nutrition and Fitness, emphasizing the new MyPyramid and revised Dietary Guidelines.
- Empowered Advisory Committee members to support and write legislators in support of the UF/IFAS-Extension Florida’s Family and 4-H Youth Initiative

**Personal:**
My son graduates high school in May
I have a beautiful grand-niece born in February in New York

**Jacquelyn Gibson – Miami-Dade County**
**Professional Accomplishments and Highlights:**
- Planned & Coordinated Fair highlighting Extension for the residents of Jordan Commons Habitat for Humanity Homeowners Association.
- Conducted a “On My Own” Finance Workshop with the 4-H Agent for FCS students of Hialeah Middle School.
- Conducted a Food Safety Workshop for FCS students of Hialeah Middle School.
- Conducted Homebuyer Education Workshop for first time homeowners at Universal Truth Center Community Development Corporation, One Stop Career Center Homebuyer Club and the Church of the Open Door Homebuyer Club.
- Conducted a program on Consumer Fraud and ID Theft for employees of a Miami-Dade Team Metro Office.
- Invited to become an instructor for the With Ownership Wealth (WOW) Initiative in the Miami-Dade area by Congressman Kendrick B. Meek’s office.

**Personal:**
- It’s a Girl”
  I am a new grandmother

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**Rachel Arndt – Palm Beach County**

**Personal and Professional Highlights:**
- Exhibit at South Florida Fair
- Conducted workshops for childcare providers
- Participated in New Faculty Orientation
- Exhibit at Senior Festival
- Conducted “Closing Your Florida Home” program in seven Palm Beach County libraries
- Presented a series of Lunch and Learn seminars for Palm Beach County employees on the changes in the Bankruptcy law.
- Trained in Medicare Part D to educate seniors of their choices with the new drug benefit
- Exhibit at Family Festival
- Participated in staff development trainings

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**Ada Medina-Solorzano – Palm Beach County**

**Professional Accomplishments and Highlights**
- Nutrition Training conducted for first Spanish Conference of Preschool Teachers in Palm Beach County.
- Nutrition and wellness training for youth making the transition form foster care to housing.
- Designed lunch and learn training series for law office personnel on: Understanding MyPyramid, How much Food is Enough?, Meal Planning for Busy People, and Healthy Dining on the Go.
- Designed a series of three Nutrition and Wellness trainings for adult education classes. Topics included MyPyramid, Meal Planning and Food Safety.
- Designed and taught Nutrition for Pregnant Women
- Presented on Fruits and Vegetables to HIV health unit clients.
- Training for parents of Picky Eaters of Head Start.
- Trained Assisted Living Facilities personnel on Food and Nutrition and food Safety for the Elderly
- Other trainings conducted on Anger Management to students of practical nursing.
Christine Alice Kilbride – Martin County
Professional Accomplishments and Highlights:

- Chris completed the Credit Reviewer Exam and Certification. She is preparing to teach Debtor Education and notify the Bankruptcy attorneys. Clientele remains as HCE members, jail, Habitat, SHIP, ServSafe certification, 4-H youth, senior meal sites, mentally challenged and school youth.