

Family and Consumer Sciences

Nutrition Program:

Eileen and Liz attended the annual Nutrition Concerns Conference in Cooperstown in April. At this conference we learned that there is a possibility of increased funding for EFNEP for associations who would like to add additional programming. Eileen and Liz are considering the impact that this might have on our current program.

We will be writing the plan for next year's Eat Smart New York program and the EFNEP program in June.

We have hired a new full-time nutrition program educator, Donna Ruf, who will be starting in mid-May. She replaces two part-time educator positions formerly held by Mimi Fix and Joan Baglio.

Financial Education

We have completed the Wise Up Women grant for this year. Hopefully the grant will be funded again next fall.

We finished the first round of 20 workshops for the EmPower NY grant (budgeting and energy efficiency) We have been authorized to hold an additional 17 workshops between now and August. Tom Heffernan is currently scheduling those workshops.

We completed the Long Term Care Insurance Outreach Program grant for Office for the Aging at the end of March. The state Office for the Aging was very pleased with our numbers, we reached over 100 people in three months. However the Ulster County Office for the Aging is considering doing this grant in-house so I am not sure if we will continue with it in the future.

Relatives as Parents Program

We are in the last month of the first year of the program. We currently have 26 families, an active youth program and have successfully held two evening workshops. The first was a legal session and the second was a parenting skills workshop. The final workshop will be held on May 19th. We are also taking the families to Forsyth Park and have helped to fund three children to attend summer camp. We are in the process of planning for the second year of the program, which will start on June 1.