

Overall breastfeeding initiation rates increased from a mean of 74.8% to 83% and male attendance in classes increased each month.

Translative Research



Breastfeeding Peer Support Program for Male Partners and Fathers of Texas WIC Participants

Peer Dads can be a tremendous influence on other fathers.

Two pilots were conducted in WIC Clinics in Brownsville, Texas.

Suggestions from fathers included: To have the Peer Dads in clinics more often and to talk to more fathers in larger groups.



Allows WIC fathers to gain information and confidence in their ability to make decisions for their families.

Fathers of breastfeeding WIC participants were recruited and trained in breastfeeding benefits, basic instructions, and counseling techniques.

Growing Research

Through Student Participation in Delta NIRI



Research Website Construction



Outreach



Community Meetings and Activities



Focus Groups

Staggs, C.G., et al. 2002. Biotin Intake and Excretion for Children in Arkansas. *Journal of Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology*. 16(4):A614.

Staggs, C.G., et al. 2004. Determination of the biotin content of select foods using accurate and sensitive HPLC / avidin binding. *Journal of Food Composition and Analysis*. 17(2004):767-776.

Staggs, C.G., et al. 2005. Milk availability in the Lower Mississippi Delta. *Federation of American Society for Experimental Biology annual meeting*. San Diego, CA.

Grocery Store Survey



Research Process



Norris, T. 2005. *Catching the Diversity Wave of Research*. MANRRS 20th Annual Career Fair and Training Conference. Pittsburgh, PA.

Training of Community Data Collectors



Research Protocols

Internal Review Board

PUBLISH RESULTS

Thompson, V.J., et al. 2003. Influences on diet and physical activity among middle class African American 8-10 year old girls at risk for becoming obese. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. 35:115-123



Community Capacity Building

Valedictorians/Salutatorians summer employment in Franklin Parish, Hollandale and Marvell

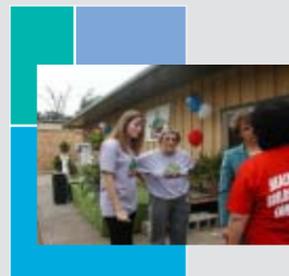


Prairie View University summer interns in Mississippi

After School Headstart and Childcare Feeding Programs

Nutrition Demonstrations and Classes

Eugene, J., et al. 2003. Nutrition knowledge, attitudes, and cereal consumption practices among African American children. 1890 Association of Research Directors 13th Biannual Research Symposium. Atlanta, GA.



Key Informant Survey

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