

Pointe Coupee Parish FCS Programs



Report to Stakeholders

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About the LSU AgCenter

The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing innovative research, information and education to improve people's lives. Working in a unique statewide network of parish extension offices, research stations and academic departments, the LSU AgCenter helps Louisiana citizens make the best use of natural resources, protect the environment, enhance agricultural enterprises and develop human and community resources.



Family Development Program Highlights

Building Better Futures through FCS Child Care Provider Programs

With today's economy, more parents are in the workforce. Parents of pre-school aged children are in need of good quality childcare providers. Finding qualified childcare centers and family care providers in Louisiana can be challenging. The LSU AgCenter Family Development agent, Monica Olinde, conducts a series of 3 hour classes (12 hours total)



for childcare providers throughout the tri-parish area per year. Topics in the series include: Infant Brain Development, Teaching Your Child Responsibility, Childhood Literacy, Blocks are for Building and much more. Following the courses, over 225 certificates were issued to participants. Child Care Providers must complete 12 hours a year to qualify for recertification to maintain their state licensing for quality child care in Louisiana. Our children are our future and the LSU AgCenter plays an important role in helping child care providers build better futures.

Family Development Literacy Program

The "Tri-Parish Books for Babies" grant, in collaboration with Children's Trust Fund, is a Family Development Literacy Grant involving 75 families per parish in West Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee and Iberville. Parents of infants are educated about the importance of reading to their children. Each parent receives a bookshelf and twelve "age appropriate" children's books. This first year grant was well received. A total of 225 kits were delivered in the three parish area.



Other Family Development programs include; Parenting, Parents Preparing for Success and Children in the Middle. Contact: Monica Olinde, Extension Agent (Family Development Specialty), Molinde@agcenter.lsu.edu

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Who we reach.

2,184 - Youth (includes 720 4-H members, 20 school 4-H clubs, 975 students working in school gardens & 489 students in Food & Nutrition Program)

15,666 - Adults

7,285 Ag & Natural Resources
8,381 Family Consumer Sciences

How we reach them:

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| 4-H Clubs | Class Series |
| Master/Jr. Master Gardener Program | Demonstrations |
| School Enrichment | Workshops |
| Field days | Web sites |
| Newsletters | Social Media |
| | Publications |

Expanding our efforts:

225 Volunteers - 4-H, Master Gardeners, Family & Community, Master Horsemen

Parish Facts

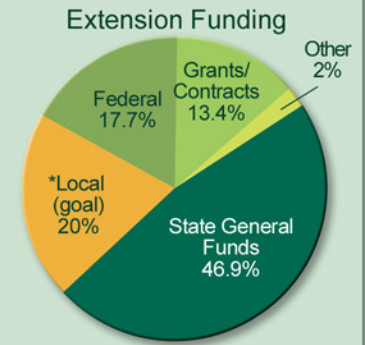
LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Pointe Coupee Parish clientele. The 2008 total dollar amount from these commodities were:

- Plant enterprises - \$103,360,599.
- Aquaculture and wildlife - \$3,006,607.
- Animal enterprises - \$9,694,655.

Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary

Web site: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

- Population - 22,401
- Land area (square miles) - 557.34
- Persons under 18 years old - 24%
- Persons 65 years old and over - 14.7%
- Median household income - \$38,131
- Persons below poverty - 21.4%



**Local Funding
Pointe Coupee Parish School Board
Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury*

How we are funded.

You are the local supporters and beneficiaries in the LSU AgCenter's Extension programs. Just 20 percent support keeps these programs in your community.

Your parish extension office offers programs in:

- Sustaining Louisiana's agriculture, forestry and fisheries.
- Building leaders and good citizens through 4-H youth development.
- Family, nutrition, health and community development to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens.

Charting Your Course to Home Ownership

With the high rates of foreclosure on home loans many banks and mortgage companies now require individuals seeking a home loan to attend a First Time Buyer program. The Family Resource Development agent, Deborah Cross-Young conducted the series of 4 sessions (12 hours total) for 42 Participants. Topics covered in the sessions included: Navigating Your Way to a New Home, Staying on course with Your Family Financial Management, Sailing Through the Mortgage Process and Keeping a Safe Harbor: Maintaining and Protecting Your Home. Following the course, 42 certificates were issued to participants who earned 12 hours of education credit to qualify for rural development home loans. The information from this class can improve their credit score enough to save up to 2% on their home loans for a savings of \$45,000 on a \$100,000 with a 30 year mortgage.



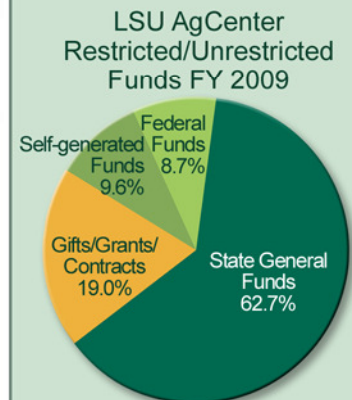
Family Nutrition Program (FNP) and SNAP (Food Stamp) Nutrition Education in Pointe Coupee

FNP audiences include SNAP recipients and applicants (people with gross income at or below 130% poverty level). FNP programs focus on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Mary Jarreau, Nutrition Educator II with the Family Nutrition Program, presents educational activities that follow these core elements: Increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables, food safety and Increasing physical activity for healthy weight. Mrs. Jarreau's programming includes Smart Choices (adults and youth) and Happy Healthy Me for Youth.



Local Issues & Plans for the Year:

1. Family Development Programming
 - Continue to plan & present Pathway's Certified classes to providers in Pointe Coupee
 - Continue programs focusing on childhood literacy
 - Plan and present parenting series of classes
 - Continue offering Parents Preparing for Success to referred audiences
 - Continue a weekly news column focusing of family development issues
2. Continue to implement Family Nutrition Program (FNP) for SNAP-eligible clients
3. Continue to offer Financial Management programs presented by Deborah Cross-Young.



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