



Affiliate Annual Report Form

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Please return this form by December 31st of each year to your Regional Director and a copy to the National Office.
This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.

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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

In 2024, there were unprecedented number of health programs, specifically women's health. These included a Women's Health Summit in the NE Area of the state, Aging Webinars, Caregiving webinars, A Healthier Weigh, Strong People Strong Bones, Women's health Menopause workshop. We have a new pilot being developed called A Hope Centered Life.

More traditional FCS workshops continue with Food Safety leading the way. We had Servsafe, Food Safety Works, Cottage Food Safety, Certified Food Protection Manager training, most are in English & Spanish. Food Preservation classes continue to be popular with in person and virtual options. One very popular workshop, Fermentation: Making Kimchi has been very popular and will soon be available for statewide use.

Our affiliate held a professional development retreat in June which included a visit from Rick Griffiths. We also had our new state program leader attend the NEAFCS Conference. It blew her away! She was really impressed. We started a new, monthly "Power Hour" for members focusing on professional development and program sharing.

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

CSU Extension is working on creating a Women's Health Work Team in 2025 – this has come about based on 2024 programming.

We are working to grow our affiliate- recruiting new members. Inviting more Health & Wellness members and campus staff

We will be continuing our Power Hour monthly professional development webinars where we share programs being offered. This helps members know what is happening around the state and learn who to connect with to get more information.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state?

Colorado Affiliate is small 25 members – focuses shifting from traditional FCS to health & wellness umbrella. We have a capacity issue where we are far apart and few of us.

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

Our goals in 2025 continue to be providing more professional development opportunities and onboard CEAFCs member more efficiently. We will strive to highlight the benefits of being a CEAFCs member, how it can enhance one's work and what resources it provides to us. Additionally, we will provide more professional development information, classes and support. This will be done both virtually and in person so that all members can join with ease. We are recruiting new members from on campus faculty and from the mental health specialists.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state?

Some of the biggest challenges we faced in 2024 were based around capacity and training. We have many specialists that cover very large areas. The geographical distance does not allow these specialists to offer a broad depth of programming to each of the communities they serve or to partner with other specialists to support or co-teach classes. In addition to needing more FCS positions, we need to support our newest members by providing training on programs, aiding to determine community needs and finding funding for equipment.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address:

We'd like some on-boarding for affiliate roles. We understand each affiliate is a bit different, but it would be helpful to have some webinars for members in new roles. The meetings at the annual conference are great, but the timing of conference & when people take office does not line up. If we could have some sort of training about each role so they know what they are responsible/expected to do. I realize the officer tool kit which is great, but a webinar where people can ask questions would better prepare them.