



NIFA Welcomes New Family and Consumer Sciences Division Director

Dr. Suzanne Stluka joined NIFA as the Division Director for the Division of Family and Consumer Sciences and she will also lead the Division of Youth and 4-H in the Institute of Youth, Family, and Community. Prior to joining NIFA, Dr. Stluka served as the Associate Director at Montana State University Extension and served in several leadership roles at South Dakota State University Extension for 13 years. Throughout her career she has maintained an active research and extension portfolio, exploring topics such as community resiliency, farm stress, trauma, food insecurity, nutrition education, community development, community coaching, and policy, systems, and environmental work in the areas of nutrition and physical activity. Her research was primarily conducted in and with rural, frontier, and tribal communities. Stluka earned a B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Nutrition (Dietetics) from South Dakota State University, an M.S. degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from the University of Eastern Illinois, and a Ph.D. degree in Human Sciences from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is also a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.