

Public Affairs

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The 2022 Public Issues Leadership Development was a wonderful success and plans will soon be underway for next year's conference. Mark your calendars for April 16-19, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Remember, you do not have to be an affiliate officer to attend!

**Impact Statement Spotlight**

Over the next few months Public Affairs will highlight parts of the 2022 Impact Statements. Our first spotlight is from the Childhood Obesity Prevention statement compiled by NEAFCS member Karen Ensle, E. Ed., RDN from Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The section was submitted by the Arkansas affiliate and explains what, why, how many and impact results. Great job Arkansas!

Arkansas's 23,137 students participated in 5,275 sessions of "Extension Grows a Healthier You" classes. 20.6% of Arkansas youth are obese and benefitted from the classes. 84% intend to follow MyPlate, 54% ate healthy breakfast, 77% were more willing to try new foods, 63% ate more veggies, 61% are now more active.

Thanks to each of you who submitted information and I hope you've had an opportunity to read and share the 2022 Impact Statements. They can be found on the NEAFCS website under the Public Affairs tab. You do great work so make sure you share your impacts with others!