

## Western Region Networks for Program Collaborations

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**Have you wanted to be involved in program collaborations at the regional level but had no idea how to make those connections beyond your own state?** At the JCEP Extension Leadership Conference NEAFCS meeting, one idea that came from the Western Region group was to connect members via Zoom to share existing regional program work or to generate ideas on future projects. In June, NEAFCS members in the Western Region will be meeting to discuss the above ideas.



Examples of current projects are several state Extension agents collaborating with the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors to write an article for the Journal of Extension on the impacts of Walk with Ease in their states. They are also considering submitting for an NEAFCS award. The Western Region Mental Health and Nutrition Network is another example of strong collaborative efforts happening in the Western Region.

One of the many advantages of NEAFCS membership is the access to networking with colleagues regionally and nationally. Consider a networking meeting to discover and join collaborative program work for your region.

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