



## Unit 8 - 2018-2019 Food: Food Safety

<b>Reporting Period</b>	2018 - 2019
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<b>Level</b>	Unit
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<b>Type</b>	Local
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<b>Status</b>	Finished
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<b>Program Areas</b>	4H Youth Development Family Consumer Science SNAP-Ed
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<b>Unit</b>	Unit 8 (District)
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<b>Grand Challenges</b>	Food
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<b>Situation</b>	<p>Illinois is one of the worst states for food borne illness ranking 46th out of all 50 states, accounting for 6.1% of all outbreaks in the country. As more local foods and community garden foods make their way into the supply chain, it will be critical to maintaining a safe food system.</p> <p>Training in current research-based food and supply chain safety methods is a critical area of opportunity for Extension. Extension is well positioned to conduct ongoing research to manage new issues that continue to emerge.</p> <p>Through our internal civil rights compliance review, we identified seven communities for targeted outreach: Mendota, DePue, Streator, Spring Valley, LaSalle, Ottawa, and Marseilles. Mendota and DePue have a high percentage of Latino families. Extension will implement 4-H and SNAP-Ed programming in these communities. In September 2018, a part-time Extension Program Coordinator was hired for Bureau County to reach 1st Generation 4-H Latino Families through a grant supported by the State 4-H Office. The program is carried out in partnership with DePue School. The Unit's 4-H Youth Development programs provide opportunities for youth and families across the Unit's four county area: to become aware of careers and workforce opportunities; to obtain knowledge and skills relating to careers and workforce; to practice work through project activities; and through participation in workshops, SPIN club involvement and more. Each year the Unit's 4-H staff convene two meetings per year of the 4-H Expansion and Review Committee to review current programming and discuss future needs. In 2018, meetings were held on June 6, 2018, and September 13, 2018. In 2018, Unit 8 established an Education Center &amp; Community Teaching Kitchen in LaSalle. This community-based SNAP-Ed grant pilot project is one of three sites in Illinois. Program focus areas include: prevention of obesity and chronic disease, food access, food safety and workforce preparedness. SNAP-Ed and Extension educational programs will be provided to both youth and adult audiences to address the focus areas. Interdisciplinary programming will be provided including 4-H and Master Gardener/Master Naturalist and Natural Resources. The Unit's Multi-County Unit Council reviews the Unit's programming and outreach efforts on an ongoing basis. The council meets 5 times per year to oversee and conduct Extension business.</p>
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<b>Short-Term (Knowledge)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased knowledge of food handling practices</li> <li>• Increase knowledge of food storage, methods, and equipment</li> <li>• Increase skills in proper food handling</li> <li>• Increase in proper hand-washing techniques and other safety precautions when using pesticide chemicals/equipment</li> <li>• Increase awareness of food safety risks</li> <li>• Increased certifications in food handling</li> <li>• Increased knowledge of food safety risks in community food system and ways to prevent them</li> <li>• Increased development of food safety plans and procedure</li> </ul>
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<b>Indicators</b>	<i>Not Specified</i>
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<b>Medium-Term (Behavior)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase adoption of food safety practices</li> <li>• Improve safe production and food-handling practices at community events and trainings involving all populations.</li> <li>• Increase adoption of safe food-handling practices across sectors (harvesting food, safe food storage, cooking temperatures while avoiding cross contamination)</li> <li>• Adoption of environmental measures for safe food handling (proper handwashing facilities, bins, equipment, etc).</li> <li>• Adoption of food safety plans</li> </ul>
<b>Indicators</b>	<i>Not Specified</i>
<b>Long-Term (Change in Condition)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease instances of food borne illness.</li> <li>• Decrease number of workdays missed due to unsafe food practices.</li> <li>• Decrease recalls for unsafe food</li> <li>• Increase in reliable methodology of safe food practices for sustainable communities.</li> <li>• Increase in policy changes in organizations regarding food safety certification.</li> </ul>
<b>Indicators</b>	<i>Not Specified</i>
<b>Public Value</b>	<i>Not Specified</i>
<b>Outputs</b>	<p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Handler Training/ Serve it Safely</li> <li>• Kitchen Food Handling programs</li> <li>• Food Preservation Programs</li> <li>• Food safety research and demonstration</li> </ul> <p>Participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumers</li> <li>• Food Business Entrepreneurs</li> <li>• Food Service Personnel</li> <li>• Farmers/ Direct marketers</li> <li>• Schools</li> <li>• Early Childhood Centers</li> <li>• Community Gardeners</li> <li>• Food Producers</li> <li>• Food Serving Organizations</li> </ul>
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