## Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

# **Highlighting Success in Oregon**

## PROGRAM IMPACTS • FY2021 • 10.1.20-9.30.21



\$622,296 federal appropriation received

**S** counties served—Benton, Clackamas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill

**15** community educators—(3.1 FTE)

**590** youth participants—513 (87% completed the program after a series of 6 or more classes in school classrooms or after-school programs)

**152** adult participants—143 (94% completed the program after participating in a series of 6 or more classes. All adult participants are parents or caregivers of children)

# **EFNEP Helps Families Make Positive Behavior Changes**

Adults	Food Safety		
Diet Quality	Wash their hands more often before preparing food 17%		
Eat fruit more often each day			
55%	Clean items/surfaces more often after contact with raw meat or seafood		
Eat vegetables more often each day	24%		
60%	Thaw frozen food at room temperature less often		
Drink regular soda less often	60%		
32%	Use a meat thermometer more often		
Physical Activity	41%		
Exercise for at least 30 minutes more days a week	Food Resource Management		
62%	Cook dinner at home more times a week		
Strengthen muscles more days a week	48%		
56%	Compare food prices more often		
Make small changes to be more active	43%		
62%	Plan meals before shopping more often		
Food Security	55%		
Didn't run out of food	Make a list before shopping more often		
94%	55%		
Don't have to cut size of their meals or skip meals			
95%			
Youth			
Increased knowledge/ability to choose healthy foods	Improved food safety knowledge/practices		
93%	63%		
Increased knowledge/ability to prepare low-cost, nutritious foods	Improved physical activity knowledge/practices		
67%	74%		

# **Oregon EFNEP Reaches Diverse Audiences**

## Sex and Race/Ethnic Characteristics of Adult Participants

Female/Male

	96%	4%
Hispanic/Non-Hispar	nic	
	96%	4%
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	American Indian/Alaskan Native	.70%
	White	.17%
	Black/African American	1%
	Multiple Races	1%
	Not Provided	.11%

### Sex and Race/Ethnic Characteristics of Youth Participants

Female/Male				
	43%		57%	
Hispanic/Non-Hispanic/Not-provided				
21%		58%	21%	
	White Multiple Races Not Provided		32%	

## **Oregon EFNEP Reaches Low-Income Families Who are Living** At or Below the Poverty Level

Income Relative to Poverty Level		
50% and below	27%	
51–75%	17%	
76–100%		
101–185%	23%	
186% and above		
Unspecified		

#### **EFNEP Participants Improve Their Healthy Eating** Index Score (HEI)

#### HEI Change: +7.6 (Entry=53.6; Exit=61.2)

The Healthy Eating Index (HEI) is a measure of diet quality used to assess how well a set of foods aligns with key recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The scores range from 0 to 100.

#### **EFNEP Helps Families Choose Healthier Foods**

95% of adults who completed the program had at least one positive change in diet quality (intake was closer to MyPlate recommendations for grains, vegetables, fruits, and protein foods).

Percentage of Public Assistance

Not provided ......10%

(SNAP, WIC, TANF, etc.)

## **Success Stories from the Field**

- "Susana" joined the EFNEP Nutrition classes after completing the Walk With Ease program. She was very interested in learning how to eat healthier in order to feel better. During the classes she was very engaged and participated a lot. She started to eat healthy and drink water regularly. By the end of the EFNEP series, she had lost 12 pounds only by making changes in her diet and walking every day. "Eating healthy and walking has helped me with my arthritis pain. The pain has decreased almost entirely". Multnomah County
- After the remote ESBA series was completed, graduates received educational reinforcements for the course which support the adoption of healthier cooking and eating habits at home. This participant expressed via email: "I was so fortunate to participate in your class. It was a great source of connection during the time of isolation due to Covid. I got a lot out of the class, and recently, found a book on ways to prepare whole grains at the thrift store, giving me more recipes to try."

#### Lane County



Since 1969, EFNEP has reached more than 32 million low-income families with young children and youth audiences, improving their diets, food-related behaviors, physical activity, and quality of life. EFNEP federal funds, along with state and local resources, supports quality nutrition education for participants in more than 800 counties in all 50 states, six U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.