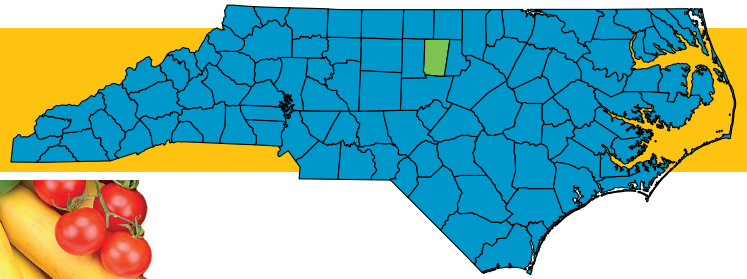




EFNEP
EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION
EDUCATION PROGRAM



2016 NC Cooperative Extension Orange County Report

North Carolina's Challenges

- In North Carolina, **1 in 4** children live in poverty.
- North Carolina's adult obesity rate is currently **30%**.
- **15.2%** of 2- to 4-year-olds from low-income families are obese. This makes us the **7th** most obese state.
- North Carolina has the **18th** highest rate of diabetes and the **11th** highest rate of hypertension.

Supporting North Carolina's Families with Greatest Needs Since 1969

EFNEP helps address the challenges limited resource families face when introducing healthy changes through nutrition education, cooking classes, physical activity strategies, and shopping on a limited budget. EFNEP provides:

- Peer-to-peer, hands-on education in the community
- Healthy, low-cost recipes
- Simple strategies to help families move more together



EFNEP Reaches Diverse Audiences in Orange County

In 2016: **165** families enrolled in EFNEP
271 participated in 4-H EFNEP
98% of EFNEP participants enrolled in one or more food assistance programs.

WHAT IS EFNEP?

EFNEP serves limited-resource families with young children, school-age youth, and pregnant teens through a series of lessons offered by paraprofessionals and volunteers, many of whom are indigenous to the population. In 2016, EFNEP served 45 counties in North Carolina. Participants learned how to:

- Make wise food choices
- Increase daily physical activity
- Manage food resources
- Practice food safety

EFNEP Makes a Real Difference in Orange County



99% of EFNEP participants improved dietary intake.



64% now practice daily physical activity.



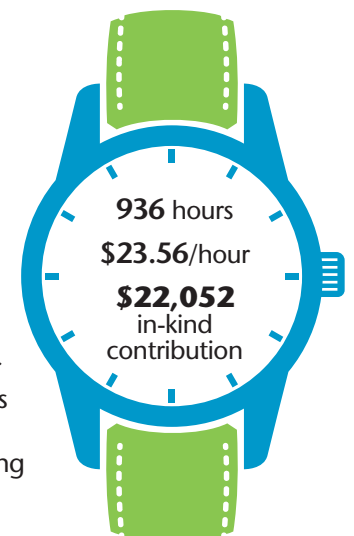
96% practice better food resource management.



86% have improved their food safety habits.

Volunteers Strengthen EFNEP

In 2016, **60** adults and youth donated time to EFNEP, making a difference in their own communities and contributing to EFNEP's ongoing success.



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Orange County
EFNEP programs obtained

\$42,852

in funding and support
from local efforts.

EFNEP SUCCESS



As a result of the program, the group as a whole lost a total of 55 pounds.



Learning to Eat Healthy Brings Family Closer Together

Statistics from the North Carolina Division of Public Health show that one in three North Carolinians have pre-diabetes. According to the 2015 Orange County Health Assessment, the prevalence of diabetes and heart disease has increased in the last decade. The 2015–2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans states that physical activity and consuming a healthy eating pattern can reduce the risks of chronic diseases.

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) through NC Cooperative Extension in Orange County partnered with Cone Health Outreach Diabetes Prevention Program to teach nutrition education to limited resource families. The EFNEP program assistant taught participants strategies to move more, control their portions, read food labels and make smart drink choices. Participants used real food labels to learn how to select foods low in sugar, fat and sodium. They also prepared recipes that were easy, inexpensive, and low in calories and fat.

As a result of the program, the group as a whole lost a total of 55 pounds. One participant shared that she did not want her children to grow up with diabetes and that inspired her to make changes. She and her children engaged in physical activity at least 30 minutes each day. While grocery shopping, she read food labels and only bought products that had no added sugars and were low in salt and fat. She prepared meals using EFNEP recipes which also helped her save at least \$10 a week on food. And more importantly, she and her children have grown closer now that they play more and spend time eating meals as a family.



Taking the Lesson Home

Orange County Extension's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program partnered with a local elementary school to teach kindergarteners about making healthy food choices according to the MyPlate guidelines. During one of their group discussions, a student shared with the program assistant that she and her family rarely ate vegetables. She said that after each class, she talked to her parents about what she learned and did some of the activities with them. Now, they eat vegetables with their dinner. She reminds her parents that they need to eat their vegetables every day!

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