



## 2017 NC Cooperative Extension Greene County Report

### North Carolina's Challenges

- In North Carolina, 1 in 4 children live in poverty.
- North Carolina's adult obesity rate is currently **31.8%**.
- 15% of 2- to 4-year-olds from low-income families are obese. This makes us the 17th most obese state.
- North Carolina has the 15th 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 Greene County**

- In 2017: 26 families enrolled in EFNEP
  - **116** participated in 4-H EFNEP

**73%** of EFNEP participants enrolled in one or more food assistance programs.

### WHAT IS EFNEP?

EFNEP serves limited-resource families with young children, schoolage youth, and pregnant teens through a series of lessons offered by paraprofessionals and volunteers, many of whom are indigenous to the population. In 2017, 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 Greene County



#### Volunteers Strengthen EFNEP

In 2017, **6** adults and youth donated time to EFNEP, making a difference in their own communities and contributing to EFNEP's ongoing success.

