

FY 2013 Family and Consumer Sciences National Outcomes

Guidance for adoption in the POW/AR software:

For the area of Family and Consumer Sciences, one major outcome/outcome definition has been developed with various supporting indicators grouped under four categories: Financial Capability and Consumer Decision-Making; Quality of Home and Community Living; Human Nutrition, Health and Wellness; and Healthy Child and Family Development.

Please remember that adopting any of the following outcomes/indicators is completely VOLUNTARY. NIFA is providing them here so that states can have a baseline of indicators from which to choose that were developed and agreed upon by multiple stakeholders in the Family and Consumer Sciences arena who represented NIFA and LGU/Extension personnel in all four regions. A suggested name for a planned program in the Plan of Work for which these indicators are applicable is: "Family and Consumer Sciences." Note that choosing to manually enter any of the following indicators into your POW/AR will allow you to start reporting data that OTHER states are adopting and reporting as well; in the future, this will allow NIFA to start aggregating the data on a national level. NIFA plans to update the software itself in future reporting years so that you are able to simply click certain indicators (already there and worded for you) and enter the associated data collected.

OUTCOME: Increase in the health and well-being of individual, families, and communities participating in Family and Consumer Sciences Programs.

Definition: Family and Consumer Sciences is the integrative, multidisciplinary field of science that studies relationships among humans and their environments to foster quality of life, strengthen communities, and achieve a healthy sustainable world. The NIFA FCS program focus is on family and consumer economics; health homes and community living; nutrition, health, and physical activity; and human development and family well-being.

Financial Capability and Consumer Decision-Making

Associated Knowledge Areas: 801, 607

Indicators:

1. Number of individuals who learn about financial capability: 1) earning/income; 2) spending; 3) saving and investing; 4) borrowing; and 5) protecting _____
2. Number of individuals who learn about consumer decision-making _____

3. Number of improved financial capability and/or consumer behavior skills adopted _____
4. Number of reported changes in financial capability and/or consumer behavior _____

Quality of Home and Community Living

Associated Knowledge Areas: 803, 804

Indicators:

1. Number of individuals who learn about healthy homes and/or community living _____
2. Number of improved healthy homes and/or community living life skills adopted _____
3. Number of reported changes of healthy homes and/or community living behaviors _____

Human Nutrition, Health and Wellness

Associated Knowledge Areas: 703, 704, 724, 805

Indicators:

1. Number of individuals who learn about nutrition, health, and/or physical activity _____
2. Number of improved nutrition, health, and/or physical activity skills adopted _____
3. Number of reported changes of nutrition, health, and/or physical activity behaviors _____

Healthy Child and Family Development

Associated Knowledge Areas: 802

Indicators:

1. Number of individuals who learn about healthy child and/or family development _____
2. Number of improved healthy child and/or family development skills adopted _____
3. Number of reported changes of healthy child and/or family development behaviors _____