



Items of Interest

National CRD Indicators Webinar: Developmental Evaluation for Cooperative Extension Community Development Programs

April 27, 2017 @ 1:00pm CT/2:00pm ET

This webinar introduces Michael Q. Patton's developmental evaluation approach as a potentially appropriate paradigm for Extension community development programs. Presenters will share how the MFLN uses developmental evaluation and what it might look like in day-to-day evaluation for community development educators.

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New Funding and Financing Community and Economic Development Publication Now Available

One of the most critical challenges facing community leaders and community development professionals is how to pay for new projects. A new comprehensive guide is now available from the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service: "Show Me The Money – a Guide to Funding and Financing Community and Economic Development in Your Community or Region. This guide presents 12 major funding strategies and over 50 real-world examples that have been successfully employed by communities and regions to finance community and economic development efforts. The guide describes a 12-step process for funding community development projects and a Fundability Checklist and Meter to help assess the likelihood that your approach is going to be successful. It will be useful for private, public, and non-profit organizations.

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Rapid Response Team Webinar: Civil Discourse on Race Relations

May 17, 2017 @ 1:00pm CT/2:00pm ET

The Rapid Response Team on Civil Discourse, established by ECOP, is hosting a one-hour webinar to showcase findings and share potential next steps for this work. Please save the date and join in the conversation.

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New CDC Series on Rural Health Topics

Throughout 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will highlight rural healthcare issues in a special series of the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). Covered so far are the leading causes of death in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas, and health-related behaviors classified by county. Upcoming topics may include chronic diseases, healthy behaviors, reproductive health, injuries and exposures, and agriculture safety and health. The CDC has also just launched a website to go along with this series, [HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/RURALHEALTH/](https://www.cdc.gov/ruralhealth/).

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New Community Leadership Articles from Kenneth Pigg

Effective community leaders know their community inside and out. They are confident, bringing residents together and passing on that same sense of empowerment. These leaders encourage diversity, different types of people working toward the same end goal, as the solution to solving community problems. These articles from Kenneth Pigg will help you navigate leadership opportunities and become a better community leader.

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Grant Connections

Southern SARE Releases 2018 Research & Education Grants Call for Proposals

Deadline: June 2, 2017

Southern SARE's new education grant, falling under the Research & Education Grant Program, is a broader education and outreach effort. The grant is open to anyone in agriculture interested in conducting education and outreach activities for the benefit of the greater sustainable ag community. Research pre-proposals focus on sustainable agriculture based on a systems approach to research, which aims to understand how the components of a system interact with each other and function as a whole. The central purpose of research proposals is research-based projects with an educational/outreach component involved. Education pre-proposals allow applicants to focus on educational activities, in which their cooperating partners and intended audiences would be involved. Education proposals provide a synopsis of the proposed educational approach to mitigate or solve a problem and encourage farmer adoption of recommended practices or strategies.

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Conferences, Workshops, Trainings

2017 National Health Outreach Conference: Annapolis, MD

May 2-4, 2017

Navigating the World of Health: A Sea of Opportunity. The National Urban Extension Conference provides an opportunity for Extension professionals to learn first-hand about these innovative approaches from their colleagues and receive inspiration for their work at home. Now is the time for a new dialogue to integrate urban Extension scholarship and practice and to define the role that Extension will play in engaging in collective purpose.

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Engaging in Collective Purpose 2017 Urban Extension Conference: MPLS/St. Paul, MN

May 7-11, 2017

The conference program will take place Monday, May 8-11th and preceded by the National Urban Leaders meeting on Sunday May 7th. The conference will provide opportunities for Extension professionals from all program areas to share their research and innovative educational strategies that address the needs of urban, suburban, and peri-urban populations as well as urban-rural interdependencies. The program planning committee plans for participants to learn about cutting edge research and to see innovative outreach efforts that successfully transfer research-based information to various urban clientele.

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NERCRD Rural Business Innovation and Economic Development Workshop: Charleston, WV

May 15-17, 2017

The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development (NERCRD) is pleased to announce a new conference in its acclaimed What Works workshop series. The conference theme this year is Rural Business Innovation and Economic Development, and the event will be held in conjunction with Create West Virginia's Universal Design conference, at the Civic Center in Charleston, WV on May 15-17, 2017. 1 The conference seeks to answer the question, How do we (re)create buildings, communities, learning places, programs and products to better meet needs of 21st Century people?

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NACDEP and CDS Joint Conference: Big Sky, MT

June 11-14, 2017

The National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals and the Community Development Society are hosting a joint conference under the theme, "Big Skies/Bold Partnerships Moving Mountains Together".

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Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors): St. Louis, MO

June 14-16, 2017

Call for Proposals, Deadline February 6, 2017. This multidisciplinary conference has traditionally focused on native and foreign-born Latino newcomers, but is interested in the challenges inherent in multicultural changing communities, including the experiences of all newcomers, faith groups, and marginalized groups. The integration of these very diverse groups is being studied by academics and pursued by stakeholders, as the newcomers seek to become part and parcel of the social, economic, and cultural fabric of their new communities. The conference theme this year is "Todos Juntos: Collaboration and Unity in Uncertain Times." Todos Juntos means "all together", and seeks to build collaboration across sectors and unite communities across differences in the common goal of supporting everyone's wellbeing in our changing, multicultural communities.

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National Extension Tourism Conference: Princeton, NJ

August 8-10, 2017

Experience tourism in the 21st Century in New Jersey, engaging with current research, program models and business development in tourism. This conference is an outstanding opportunity for Extension professionals and others working in the broad area of tourism and recreation – including tourism service providers and businesses – to share programs, initiatives, research, and success stories, and to network with other professionals.

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