

# CYF NEWS

## JUNE 2007

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

### *In This Issue*

- *Message from the State Leader*
- *Exploring Housing in Michigan*
- *FAQs – NEERS/CRS5 Evaluation...*
- *Blue Ribbon Q&A*
- *Deadline for July Articles*

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life."

—*Dr. David M. Burns*



### **MESSAGE FROM THE STATE LEADER**

As we prepare to enjoy summer vacations, opportunities to spend more time with our children who are home from school and relatives we only see during weddings, family reunions and other 'special occasions' it is important to remember that each season brings with it opportunities to enjoy and reasons to be cautious. Fortunately the summer brings more reasons to use our programs with Michigan residents to help them enjoy summer by utilizing Extension information to increase environmental, nutritional and personal safety throughout the summer.

Michigan can be envied by other states because each season can be found here. During the winter, germs, plants and animals either die or hibernate. There are also wonderful opportunities to enjoy winter sports and the beauty of the nature. However, as we enter the summer months, we find an abundance of life erupting around us. The greenery of trees, the abundance of fruits and vegetables, new litters of animals and most importantly the laughter of children playing many of the games, we once played during our own childhood.

Your commitment, tremendous skills and creativity continues to result in new and diverse program opportunities for Michigan residents. During the summer we will continue to look for new funding opportunities that will allow the new and diverse needs of Michigan residents to be met. As we provide our existing programs, each Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H staff person has the unique opportunity to enjoy our labor during the summer months. Our programs, whether offered in private homes, offices or in the great outdoors, help bring new life to children and their families, adults living alone, young adults and senior citizens.

Because of each of you we are bringing knowledge to life, which can only result in great joy for all whose lives we touch!

Enjoy your summer!

Dr. Mona Reide, FCS State Leader

## EXPLORING HOUSING IN MICHIGAN!



The FRM AoE will host a **FREE** Housing  
“Lunch and Learn” on June 21, 2007

**Carol Brito of Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and Connie Costner (MSUE-FCS) will lead a discussion regarding homeownership, foreclosure and predatory lending practices.**

Location: **North Star Cooperative**  
**3655 Forest Hill Road Lansing MI 48910**

Time: **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Date: **June 21, 2007**

**Space is limited**

**Please RSVP with Jane Love**

**517-432-2635 or [lovejan@msu.edu](mailto:lovejan@msu.edu)**

## NEERS/CRS5 EVALUATION AND REPORTING SYSTEM – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q.** What is needed to Convert from the ERS4 Program to CRS5 Program at the county level?

**A.** The Conversion process consists of three steps: i.e., 1. “Change the ERS4 database to the New Program Year, 2. Convert the ERS4 file to the CRS5 format (see pages 37-46 in the NEERS5 Manual), 3. Check the program year dates (i.e., ERNEP has 13 months this first year only, Sept. 1, 2006 to Sept. 30, 2007 and FSNE is 10/01/2006 to 09/30/2007.

**Q.** The Behavior Checklist set won’t import into CRS5; what should I do?

**A.** The first question is the file Behavioral Checklist set of questions available or where can we get the Questions Set? If the file is available, has it been saved in the IMPORT folder of FSNE07 or EFNEP07 in the local county CRS5’s database

system? If that has happened, then check the questions set name CKQSET40.MDB. In most cases this file was sent as an e-mail attachment to the counties and if a county has received more than one copy of the file, a number is added to the file name each time it appears on your e-mail attachment folder.

If that is the case, the additional number **MUST** be removed (e.g., CKQSET40(2).MDB) and execute the Import process again. Example of excessive number of same e-mail files in Attachment folder:

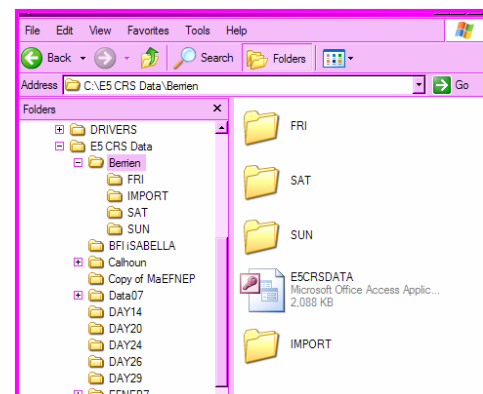
- 1) CKQSET40.MDB (first one received)
- 2) CKQSET401.MDB (second copy, same file)
- 3) CKQSET402.MDB (third copy, same file)

**Q.** What files need to be imported into the CRS5 software database?

**A.** CRS5 Evaluation and Reporting software is being used nationally by USDA for reporting program efforts. To localize the CRS5 database by states, it needs to have State Adult SubGroups and State Public Assistance Programs installed. Each state has created local information to be included in the software through a process of importing that has been instituted.

Michigan has added a number of local subgroups for this year which have been provided to counties to import into the software. Michigan counties must have three files in the CRS5 IMPORT folder for this reporting period 2006/2007; two Excel files (**State Adult SubGroup and State Public Assistance Programs**) and one Access file (**CKQSET40.MDB**).

**Q.** What are the components of NEERS5 and how do they fit together?



A. A diagram of the full NEERS5 system (see [NEERS5 Data Flow chart](#)) is located on the NEERS5 Web site. It has the three primary parts (county, state, and federal) that are found in ERS4, but there are also a number of additional, interconnecting pieces. The state level system, SRS5, will be released later this year, along with the Youth Question Development sub-system. The Wisconsin Web site for [Youth Evaluation Tools](#) is operational and work on other sections is underway. A PowerPoint presentation is included on this site outlining the NEERS Data Flow Chart for your review and information.

Q. Where can I find answers to questions related to installing or using NEERS5?

A. Check the [Transition Manual](#) for assistance. If it does not provide the information you need you can also visit the FCS Download – Nutrition Reporting site for Frequently Asked Questions and the Transition Manual. There you will find a link that will open to an FAQ Workspace. This is a new interactive tool for NEERS5 users. Technical questions related to NEERS5/CRS5 are to be submitted to Margaret LaShore via e-mail at [lashore@msu.edu](mailto:lashore@msu.edu). Hardware questions are to be submitted to the Regional Tech person working with FSNE or in SW Region to the Regional Coordinator. The Q&A will be updated regularly and we encourage you to check it for information to assist you in improving skills with CRS5 data entry and creating reports. A full Training Manual for those who have little or no experience using ERS4 is being developed to assist in maneuvering through CRS5 and will be released in the near future. As updates are made, a date will be added to indicate changes have taken place.

## BLUE RIBBON Q&A

Q. How do I document Mentoring Program numbers in Blue Ribbon?

A. We have been receiving a number of questions about how to document youth and volunteers who have been part of the “Explore Experience Achieve Through 4-H Mentoring” AmeriCorps program or any other 4-H mentoring program in Blue Ribbon. Mentoring is a Delivery Mode. The experience would be covered under the Personal Development project code of FH. There

are two options for entering information into the Blue Ribbon system.

### Option 1:

If you want to do individual enrollments for youth and volunteers who are participating in planned mentoring programs in the county, you will need to create a “club” for them. Create a club code for the group. The Delivery Mode will be “Individual Study/Mentoring/Family Programs.” The project code that should be used is: FH.

**Counties are encouraged to use this option so that you can include mentoring program participants in newsletter mailing lists and informational mailings about other 4-H opportunities like Exploration Days.**

### Option 2:

If you do not want individual contact information for participants in your mentoring program included in your database, you can report numbers as a Youth Group Enrollment. Use Volunteer Group Enrollments for entering the mentors. Using the delivery mode of “Individual Study/Mentoring/Family Programs,” you will indicate units as 1 and then list the number of male and female youth and volunteers involved in this program within your county. The project code that should be used is: FH.

The adult mentors should be entered as either club or group enrollment volunteers using the same project code of FH. If using Option 1, these adults should all be listed at direct volunteers.



## Deadline for Next Edition of “CYF NEWS”

July 2, 2007, is the deadline to submit articles for the July 6, 2007, edition of “CYF News.” Please submit articles to Gail Hebert at [hebertg@msu.edu](mailto:hebertg@msu.edu)