

FY2017 Family & Consumer Sciences Impact Building a Strong Financial Base

Polk County



Educational Contacts	5575
Volunteers	81
Value of Volunteer Hours (\$)	\$134,000

Highlights

Increased Knowledge	67%
Adopted Financial Practices	43%
Adopted Healthier Eating Habits	82%
Increased Physical Activity	3%
Adopted Safe Food Practices	1%
Choose a Program Highlight	

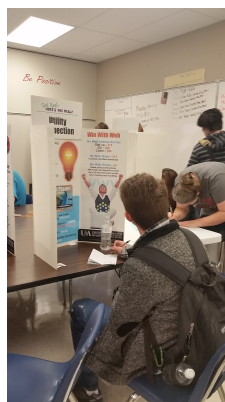
How has your attitude changed toward finances?

* *"I realized how important it is to keep track of your money and keep your needs before your wants."*

* *"By showing how kids affect you; finances can be stressful and I appreciate my parents."*

* *"I now understand how to manage myself financially."*

* *"I feel more confident. I have learned a lot!"*



FCS Agent partners with ten collaborating agencies at Mena High School Hub center to build a strong financial base for county high school students using Get Real, Here's the Deal curriculum.

Relevance

The CEC deemed financial literacy as the top program concern for Polk County during 2017 citing students rank average in financial literacy as reported by the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA found 22% of students lack basic financial literacy skills and only 1 in 10 have skills necessary to make future financial decisions.

Response

Polk County FCS program partnered with 23 volunteers from Farm Bureau, Union Bank, City Government, Mena High School, Cossatot Public School, 4-H, Extension Homemakers, UA Rich Mountain, Career Pathways, Ouachita Little Theater, Mena Police Department, Mena Water Department, Master Gardeners and Stage Stores to present the Get Real, Here's the Deal Financial Literacy program to 141 high school students. The program was presented to Mena High School Seniors, Cossatot River Seniors and The Hub Alternative Center at Mena High School during 2017.

Results

23 County volunteers contributed 69 hours of time to the GRHD program, a value of \$1665.00
73% students reported an increased knowledge of financial skills
48% students reported a change in attitude about financial management
43% adopted positive financial practices