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About the Web-Based Nutrition Education Evaluation and Reporting System (WebNEERS)
WebNEERS is a secure system designed, hosted, and maintained by Clemson University. It is accessed through the Internet via Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome, and Safari web browsers. It captures the positive impacts of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and other nutrition education programs, such as the Supplemental Food Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed). The system provides a variety of reports that are useful for management purposes, provides diagnostic assessments of participant needs, and exports summary data for State/Territory and National assessment of program impact. It also incorporates new reporting elements such as the EFNEP 5-Year Plan/Annual Update, the EFNEP budget sheet and budget justification, and the social ecological framework of the Community Nutrition Education (CNE) logic model. WebNEERS is used in over 800 locations throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the 6 U.S. territories. It was launched in October 2012 as an update and expansion of the Nutrition Education Evaluation and Reporting System version 5 (NEERS5), developed in 2006.

About EFNEP
The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is a Federal Extension (community outreach) program which began in 1969. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and it assists limited resource audiences in acquiring the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and changed behavior necessary for nutritionally sound diets, and to contribute to their personal development and the improvement of the total family diet and nutritional well-being.

EFNEP operates in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and in American Samoa, Guam, Micronesia, Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands through the 1890 and 1862 Land Grant Universities and Colleges (LGU). Extension professionals train and supervise paraprofessionals (peer educators) and volunteers to recruit and educate low-income families and low-income youth in community settings. Paraprofessionals deliver a series of hands-on, interactive lessons to program participants. Lessons are evidence-based and tailored to meet the needs of the audience. Lessons focus on the core areas of EFNEP: Diet Quality and Physical Activity, Food Resource Management, Food Safety, and Food Security.

About SNAP-Ed
The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed) is a federal/state partnership that supports nutrition education for persons eligible for SNAP benefits. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 established SNAP-Ed as the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. The Act calls for SNAP-Ed to include an emphasis on obesity prevention in addition to nutrition education. Activities must be evidence-based and delivered through individual and group-based strategies, comprehensive multi-level interventions, and/or community and public health approaches. SNAP-Ed efforts may also address environmental and policy level interventions. National, State, and local coordination and collaboration is strongly encouraged and recommended. Since 1988, Land-Grant Universities have been a primary provider of SNAP-Ed. They reach intended audiences by coordinating with state and local partners and with other contractors. Other contractors are state public health departments, food banks, tribal programs and local health
organizations. The goal of SNAP-Ed through the Land-Grant University System is to provide educational programs and conduct social marketing campaigns that increase the likelihood that people eligible for SNAP benefits will make healthy food choices within a limited budget and choose physically active lifestyles consistent with the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* and MyPlate.
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