EFNEP Searchable Database and Repository

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Vision and Creation of a Comprehensive, Repository and Searchable Database for EFNEP Research, White Papers Policy Documents, Oral histories at the National Agriculture Library in Beltsville MD

Abstract

The poster will describe the capabilities of the EFNEP searchable database and repository. The processes used in the development of the database and screenshots of the landing page will also be shared. This database will provide a record of EFNEP's evolution in relation to program implementation, evaluation and research from its earliest origins into the future.

It is envisioned that the EFNEP searchable database and repository will serve as the permanent home for a comprehensive collection of EFNEP related research. This database also will include other documents such as white papers, oral histories, curricula, theses and dissertations that can inform and facilitate future research and nutrition education programming for limited resource and food insecure communities throughout the nation and its Union Territories.

The repository began with the work of Jan Scholl from Penn State University (PSU), working in collaboration with NC2169: EFNEP Related Research, Program Evaluation and Outreach, an AES multistate research project. The project has grown into a collaboration between USDA/NIFA and the National Agriculture Library. Once all aspects of the planned EFNEP searchable database and repository are realized, EFNEP will have a place to go virtually to "Honor the Past, Treasure the Present and Shape the Future."

Historical Timeline

This database will include links to a comprehensive collection of EFNEP related research from 1969 through 2019 as well as other documents such as white papers, oral histories, curricula, theses and dissertations that can inform and facilitate future research and nutrition education programming for limited resource and food insecure communities throughout the nation and its Union Territories.

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What is included in this database/repository?

- Electronic reference sources (links to different databases)
- Electronic journal articles-full text
- Electronic journal articles-Not full text
- Peer reviewed abstracts
- Theses
- Dissertations
- White papers
- Policy Documents
- Curricula
- Electronic books
- Oral Histories
- Digitized publications (77)
- Press releases /media articles
- Conference Information
- Gray literature
- Legislation

Collection Process

In January 2019, six different USDA resources (AGRICOLA, PubAg, NAL Digital Collections [NALDC], NAL Special Collections, Current Research Information System [CRIS], and NAL’s Internet Archive) were searched for material about EFNEP. These resources were selected after consultation with reference specialists at the National Agricultural Library, who had identified relevant materials in these collections. Each collection and/or database was searched using the following keyword search or subject heading of "Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program". This search strategy netted 111 results. The results included 82 articles, 3 books, 19 other publications (reports, brochures), 6 Cooperative Extension projects, and one special collection of the papers of Nancy B. Leidenfrost, the first national Program Leader of EFNEP from 1969-1989.

Questions about EFNEP Research or Program?

- Where can I find information about benefits of delivering EFNEP one to one versus groups?
- How can I determine cost benefit and cost-effectiveness of EFNEP in my state? What assumptions and methodologies were used in the early cost benefit studies?
- Where can I find information on qualitative outcomes of EFNEP?
- I would like to review EFNEP evidence/science based curricula. Where can I find them?
- Where can I find information about the evolution of EFNEP's web based reporting system (WebNEERS)?
- Where can I find oral histories of EFNEP participants or paraprofessional educators?
- Are there any studies that address specific nutrition education needs of Latino or Hmong participants?
- Have any EFNEP studies addressed best practices in delivering nutrition education to adolescent youth enrolled in EFNEP?

Answers to these and many others questions will be found in the EFNEP Searchable Database and Repository.