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Teaching Tip

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Preparing the Space Contributes to Effective Teaching – Consider Location

Most counties have wonderful Extension facilities but is it the only place to teach? Presenting programs in different areas of the county may bring in new or underserved audiences.

Family and Consumer Science agents and program assistants have reached more diverse audiences by offering nutrition and health programs during lunch hours or immediately after closing at local businesses. They have been able to reach male clients who are an underserved audience for them.

Extension offices in small rural counties report conducting program at a local fire station or library that is located in a different area of the county from their office. In urban areas, agents consider access to bus routes and service when identifying locations away from their office.

One agent shared that he was reluctant to plan programs on Wednesday nights since many churches hold services. After talking to the minister, the minister suggested to conduct the program after the Wednesday night service while so many people were already there. He had a great turnout. Take advantage of combining programs with other organizations with similar goals and objectives such as PTSA, commodity or special interest groups

If you do plan a program in a new location be sure to visit the space prior to your presentation. Make sure you know what is available (i.e. tables, chairs), access to technology (i.e. Wi-Fi, equipment), and locate controls (i.e. lights, thermostat, outlets). This way you can plan on what items you will need to bring with you and allocate ample time to set up.

Keep track of the teaching locations outside the Extension office. Include those locations in your “All Reasonable Efforts” file and identify on the county map that shows where Extension programs are offered.

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