

Lincoln County Extension Service

Community Profile:

Population 42,200

Location Newport

Position Description:

Sponsor OSU/Lincoln County Extension Service, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, *Newport, OR*

Supervisor Bill Rogers, Extension Agent

Assignment

The Lincoln County RARE participant will coordinate, organize, and facilitate a project linking nutrition education and outreach to low income families with a garden mentoring program. This linkage is intended to educate families who use the county's food bank or are eligible to receive food stamps or WIC vouchers of the nutrition, preparation, and preservation of fresh fruits and vegetables. Educational activities will focus on using food that participants grow in a garden at Lincoln County Food Share, a food bank serving the county. Responsibilities include outreach and recruitment of participants, mentors and other garden sites, as well as evaluating the program's overall effectiveness in reaching its educational objectives. Evaluation includes working with the Extension Nutritionist to develop and implement interviews and questionnaires for data collection on the project. Finally, the RARE participant will be responsible for reporting and documentation of the project's outcomes as well as finding continued funding for community food projects.

A secondary component of the RARE participant's responsibilities will be to work with the Lincoln County Growers and Gatherers to continue their efforts to develop family wage jobs in the county using agriculture and non-timber forest products (NTFPs). Duties will include assistance in strategic planning and developing a resource of current market information for NTFPs.

Required Skills

Verbal and written communication; public speaking and presentation; report writing; data collection and analysis; grantwriting; facilitation; planning.

RARE Member: *Megan Miller-Morgan - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Megan Miller-Morgan has a BA in Asian Studies from University of Puget Sound (1991) and pursued graduate studies in Anthropology from Washington State University (1995). She has worked as a produce manager for a natural foods cooperative and most recently managed a farmer's market. She has also volunteered for Oregon State Extension programs such as Family Community Leadership and the Master Gardeners. Megan plans to attend graduate school at Oregon State University majoring in Medical Anthropology. For the past year, Megan's RARE position has been with the Lincoln County Extension Office working

for the Lincoln County Growers and Gatherers. She will continue to work with the Growers and Gatherers as well as work with nutrition outreach and community gardening for low income families.