

Partner With Cooperative Extension: Create Capacity

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Cooperative State Research, Education, & Extension Service

- Land-Grant University System
- Composite of State and Territorial Extension programs
- Publicly Funded Non-formal Educational System.



Cooperative State Research, Education, & Extension Service

- Network of Campus- and Community-Based Faculty and Staff
- More than 3,000 County Administrative Units
- 57 Universities with land-grant status (1862)
- 18 Historically Black Colleges (1890)
- 33 Tribal Colleges (1994)

CSREES Mission Statement

To advance knowledge for...

- Agriculture,
- the Environment,
- Human Health and Well-Being,**
- and
- Communities.



Extension... Engagement



- Science-Based Education for Professionals and Community Members
- Life-long Learning
- Non-formal Community Educational Environment
- Professional, Paraprofessional, & Master Volunteer Led
- Citizen Involvement
- Culturally Relevant



Research...Discovery

- Colleges of Human Ecology/ Family & Consumer Sciences
- Faculty Directed Research
- Community Engagement
- Evaluation Research
- Research-to-Practice

EDUCATION.... *Learning*

Academic instruction

Train the next generation of professionals—researchers, high school and university faculty, extension educators, therapists, human resource and family life education professionals



Statewide Outreach

- Specialists in Family Life Education: Bridging Research and Practice
- Leadership for Program Planning
- Networking/Coalition Building
- Network of Specialists and Agents



Statewide Outreach

- Program, Staff, & Curriculum Development
- Fund Development
- Evaluation, Reporting, & Accountability



County Outreach

- Network of Professional Family Life Educators (most with Advanced Degrees)
- Connection to Local People
- Community-Based Education



County Outreach

- Grass Roots Involvement
- Non-Biased Educational Resource
- Educators are Respected Members of the Community
- Land-Grant University Back-Up

Roles for Extension Education

- Public Awareness
- Community Catalyst
- Training & Education
- Evaluation/Applied Research





Public Awareness

- Raise the awareness of Marriage and Couple Issues
- Media Campaigns—outlet to newspapers, radio, television/cable
- Exhibits, Newsletters, PSA's
- Electronic Networks, E-learning Communities, Web Databases
- Sponsor Conferences



Community Catalyst

- Community Resource Center—linking resources to couple needs
- Coalition Building
- Partner with Government, Education, Religious, Civic Leaders
- Public Policy Education
- Enhance Community Capacity




Evaluation/Applied Research

- Guidance on research methods
- Conduct applied research
- Share results through academic publications



Training and Education

- Produce Educational Publications, Curriculum, Web Sites, Distance Education
- Provide Marriage Education for Couples & Youth
- Train Professionals & Community Leaders



**NATIONAL
EXTENSION
RELATIONSHIP &
MARRIAGE
EDUCATION
NETWORK**

Growing Healthy Relationships & Marriages




Our Vision

We envision a nation-wide outreach through Extension Specialists and Educators in partnership with agencies and organizations at the national, state, and community levels that supports individuals and couples preparing for, developing and enriching healthy relationships and healthy marriages.

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Our Mission

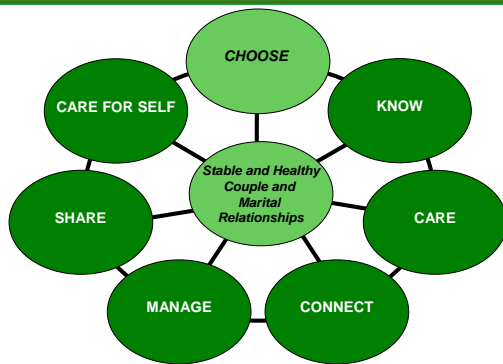
Our mission is to provide research-based resources and promote partnerships to advance the knowledge and practice in relationship and marriage education.



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NERMEN is involved in the identification and development of research and evidence based programs, coordinating and participating in state and national professional development opportunities, as well as documenting the efficacy of relationship and marriage enrichment programs.

Core Concepts Associated with Stable and Healthy Couple and Marital Relationships



- **CHOOSE** ~ *The central importance of intentionality*
- **KNOW** ~ *The development of interest and involvement in each other's worlds*
- **CARE** ~ *Demonstrating kindness, affection, respect, and caring support*
- **SHARE** ~ *Developing and maintaining friendship, positive interactions, and meaningful time together*



- **CONNECT** ~ *Engaging social support, community ties, and sources of meaning*
- **MANAGE** ~ *Strategies of engagement and interaction around differences, stresses, and issues of safety*
- **CARE FOR SELF** ~ *Maintaining physical, psychological, and sexual health and wellness as an individual*



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