

Examples of the Cooperative Extension Program [5]

- **Alternative Enterprises** - A program designed to provide Extension educational resources to small-scale producers, moving away from primarily tobacco production, about the selection of and development of alternative enterprises. These enterprises are primarily horticultural but also include livestock, nursery and aquaculture.
- **Farmers Adopting Computer Training (FACT) Project** - A project designed to train farm families one-on-one or in group settings how to use computers for their farming operations in order to become more competitive in the market place. FACT introduces and demonstrates innovative uses of computers and computerized farm management programs to small farmers and rural families. When available, FACT provides computers for farmers unable to purchase their own.
- **NC SAVES** - A project designed to encourage residents to assess their financial situation, reduce debt, and save and manage their money to reach financial goals.
- **Parenting Matters** – fills the need for parenting training for court-mandated and Department of Social Services (DSS) referred parents. The eight-session program uses a friendly curriculum, which can be easily implemented by Extension agents or parent educators. The curriculum uses the Experiential Learning Model and incorporates key elements of the National Extension Parent Education Model.
- **North Carolina K-3 rd Grade Youth Program** – uses a multi-state, interdisciplinary curriculum to promote developmentally- appropriate, cooperative, and experiential learning which accelerates life-skill development and positive self-images.
- **Down-to-Earth** – the program uses the scientific method to unlock young minds and help them understand sustainable agricultural production and practices.
- **Community Voices** – A leadership development program designed to help limited-resource and other non-traditional leaders develop skills to solve community problems. The program is supported by a four-volume curriculum and a video. The participative approach used in the curriculum allows adults involved in the program to actively participate in a series of learning experiences, analyze those experiences, and determine their application to life situations. The program was originally-funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.
- **Share Yourself** - A community volunteer program that matches volunteer coaches with Work First participants. These volunteers share life skills, work experiences, advice, and encouragement that helps Work First participants deal with everyday problems that often prevent them from being successful on the job and in life. The program was developed by North Carolina Cooperative Extension, which is sponsored by North Carolina A&T State University and North Carolina State University, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services.