

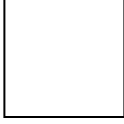
## What do Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Extension Agents offer to all consumers?

FACS Extension Agents provide education in the community and the workplace on critical issues to all Georgians. Educational topics include:

- Financial Security and Economic Well-Being;
- Foodborne Illness Prevention
- Housing and Environmental Health and Safety;
- Child Care, Youth, and Family Development;
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Management.

FACS Agents provide educational opportunities that contain practical, research-based information to help consumers lead more productive lives.

The information offered by FACS agents, as well as others in Cooperative Extension, is provided by researchers at The University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and other universities across our nation. Business, consumers and community representatives in each county identify the critical issues that Extension should address and guide the planning and delivery of these programs, some of which we can deliver in Spanish.



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# The Value of FACS County Extension Agents *in promoting* Georgia's WORKFORCE *and its* Socioeconomic Development

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## Why is the work of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Extension Agents so important?

A healthy and productive worker, family or consumer depends on a variety of factors from food, child care and shelter to interpersonal relationships and budgeting. FACS Extension Agents and Specialists have the educational background, skills and knowledge to assist workers in meeting their basic needs.

## How can FACS Extension Agents assist school systems?

FACS Extension Agents often serve as resources for schools to meet the requirements of the Georgia Performance Standards and as providers of basic life skills education. They can:

- Provide health education for all grade levels;
- Teach financial planning courses
- Train teachers in proper hand-washing concepts to prevent spread of disease;
- Teach lessons in nutrition, health and food safety;
- Coordinate career fairs for rising juniors and graduating seniors; &
- Teach life skills that students can use upon entering the workforce.

## How can FACS Extension Agents assist business and industry?

FACS Agents partner with employers to enhance economic development by educating our present and future workforce. Agents are trained to:

- Provide health education and chronic disease prevention programs that can **reduce absenteeism**;
- Provide required **employee training** programs such as food safety for restaurant workers and age-appropriate development for child care providers;
- Teach **homebuyer education** to assist the workforce in acquiring and maintaining affordable, healthy and adequate housing; and
- Teach life skills that employees need to function effectively in the workplace and to **reduce turnover** and **increase productivity** such as managing finances and balancing work/family responsibilities.

## Invest in your community!

To learn if you have a FACS Extension Agent in your area, [click](#) on your county at:

[www.gafamilies.com/county.php](http://www.gafamilies.com/county.php)



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