

A Day of Conversations & Connections

Have you turned on the TV, read the news, or listened to the radio lately and heard tips for managing money or improving health (and many other ideas!) that FCS professionals have used and taught for a long time??

Whatever our specialties within FCS, we have the ecological perspective, experience, and knowledge that is needed to bring people together, to make connections, and to learn from each other how to improve the health and financial well being of many families and communities in these times.

You are invited to participate in conversations to describe and connect FCS assets for health and financial well being in Iowa's communities at the

**IAFCS SPRING MEETING,
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010
Held at the Hotel Pattee in Perry**

The Hotel Pattee has been rated as one of the 10 best small hotels in the country. It is a unique venue with each room decorated around a specific theme and the lobbies, eating areas and meeting rooms done in an outstanding rendition of the Arts and Crafts style. Amenities also include a steam room and spa, a bowling alley, and a good restaurant. Please check out the hotel at www.hotelpattee.com to see the entire hotel online. Think about coming early or staying for a getaway weekend after the meeting! You will also find Perry a uniquely diverse community with many interesting things to see and do. A map with suggestions will be available at the meeting.

Schedule for the day (see next page for more information):

8:00-9:00---Registration and continental breakfast

Facilitated "mapping" sessions/conversations to list FCS assets for health and wealth literacy and connect them to communities

- **9-10:30 am---Session one**
- **10:45-11:45 am---Session two**
- **1:30-2:15 pm (after IAFCS luncheon and awards)---Session three**

11:45-1:30 pm---Luncheon with IAFCS awards

2:30-4:00 pm---the IAFCS business meeting

A silent auction will be held during the meeting day to support "Teacher of the Year". Please consider bringing an item for the auction to support this program!

**PDU's for CFCS certification have been applied for
*Register now and join us for this unique opportunity!***

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We will focus on our assets for health and financial well being

In times of change and stressful ambiguity, the question is:
Can we ask new questions and reconnect the dots to thrive?

We can choose to thrive by focusing on what we DO have—our assets—rather than what has been lost or is missing:

- Our professional understandings and competencies
- The connections, linkages, and partnerships we have within our communities—and those we could have

We will “map” the landscape of our professional practice and our communities

People from different sectors will come together to share their perspectives and together create a description or “map” that helps us to understand the total context in which we operate as it creates a picture of our professional and community environments.

The description that is created on paper will be important. But the conversation that develops among the participants as the description is being recorded may be the really important impact of the time spent creating it! It is this conversation that:

- Discovers important assets, facts, and processes
- Discovers relationships, connections, and linkages that are present or could be created

We will begin to build communities of practice that connect FCS assets for health and financial well being in Iowa’s communities

A community of practice is a group of people engaged in action to solve problems, learn, invent, and build things. Communities of practice gather practitioners and collaborators around topics of shared interest, professional experience, passion, curiosity, or concern. They enable practitioners and their partners to focus, forge new connections, and create meaning and innovation in their work.

2010 IAFCS SPRING MEETING
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REGISTRATION FORM
Saturday, April 24, 2010, Hotel Pattee in Perry, Iowa

Member registration

Registration BEFORE April 16, 2010	\$70.00
Registration AFTER April 16, 2010	\$85.00

Non member registration

Registration BEFORE April 16, 2010	\$80.00
Registration AFTER April 16, 2010	\$95.00

Student registration

\$35.00

We want to support our student unit! If you would like to sponsor a student registration, please add the amount of support you wish to contribute to your registration when you send it in.

Please check one:

- I am interested in health literacy
- I am interested in financial literacy

Please let us know if you want a meatless entrée for the luncheon:

- I would like a meatless entrée

A small block of rooms will be available at a reduced rate at the hotel for Friday evening. Please call the hotel directly to individually reserve at 515-465-3511 by March 24 and inform reservations that you are with the IAFCS group. If you wish to take advantage of a weekend stay around the IAFCS meeting, please check with the hotel about rates and packages.

Please let us know if you will be making reservations for a room at the hotel for Friday evening

- I will be making reservations for a room at the hotel on Friday
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Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Ph:wk/cell _____

City, state, zip _____ Ph:home _____

Registration fee enclosed _____

Student support enclosed _____ ***Total enclosed*** _____

**** Make checks out to Iowa Association of Family and Consumer Sciences or IAFCS. Please be advised that IAFCS cannot accept purchase orders for registration**

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