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SABINE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT NAMED

OVERTON— Twana Wilson has been named Texas AgriLife Extension Service's County Extension Agent - FCS Sabine County, effective November 1, 2016, according to a joint announcement by Sabine County Judge, Daryl Melton, the Sabine County Commissioners Court, and Ms. Shelia Lewis, District Extension Administrator, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, headquartered at Overton, Texas.

As a new county agent, Ms. Wilson will participate in the 30-day FIRST STEP For Success program in multiple counties prior to beginning her career in Sabine County. FIRST STEP provides the new agent an opportunity to develop a basic understanding of the role of county agent and gives them the opportunity to observe and experience the day-to-day operations of a typical county Extension Office.

"I am pleased to have Ms. Wilson join our County Extension Faculty in Sabine County. She will be a great asset to the county and Texas AgriLife Extension Service," says Ms. Lewis. "I feel certain Twana will do an excellent job because of her enthusiasm for providing quality, educational programs and working with the public."

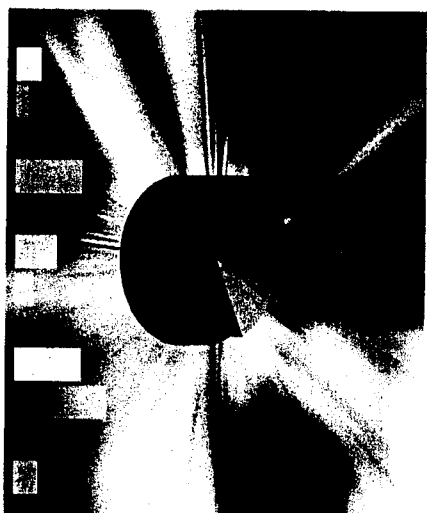
Ms. Wilson earned a Bachelor of General Studies specializing in Social Work and a Master of Science in Health Promotion from Lamar University. She has earned the credential as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) on the national level.

Ms. Wilson has recently been employed as a contracted Healthcare Field Interviewer with the Department of Health and Human Services and as an Adjunct Instructor with the Department of Health and Kinesiology with Lamar University.

The County Extension Office in Sabine County is part of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, an agency of the Texas A&M University System. Local Extension programs extend university resources to local residents by providing practical information and education in the four areas of agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H and youth development, and community development. Extension is a cooperative effort of the United States Department of Agriculture, the State of Texas through Texas A&M University, and the Sabine County Commissioners' Court.

Ms. Wilson commented, "I am so honored to be working within the community to help empower families and strengthen access to limited resources while improving quality of life."

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PRC 5

Regional Data Strategies

Prevention programs now depend greatly on data collection and analysis to target resources where they are most needed. In the 15 counties that comprise the Region 5 Prevention Resource Center, data collection efforts are being greatly enhanced through new measures mandated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to assess regional needs through greater interaction with community partners.

During Fiscal Year 2014-15 and beyond, PRC Region 5 data collection and evaluation personnel will be working with school districts, colleges and universities, local employers, other state health human service agencies, and community groups to conduct surveys and other information-gathering strategies.

More Information is ALWAYS Better

Information is vitally important to the decision-making process. Knowing where problems exist is crucial.

Over 18 million Americans currently use marijuana.

Alcohol is a poison that is depositing harmful toxins into the body. A teenager's physical, emotional, and social make-up is different from an adult's and the shock of introducing alcohol to an adolescence can have a devastating and deadly effect.

Marijuana is the second leading substance for which people seek treatment.

From cocaine to meth to marijuana, the abuse of these substances can have a devastating impact on the community.

Driving within three hours of smoking marijuana doubles the risk of being injured or killed in an accident.

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It's all About Reducing the Risk and Increasing Protection

Especially in regard to young people, when the adolescent brain is at risk of being "hard-wired" with addictive behavioral patterns, it is critical to learn what known risk factors are present in a community. By better understanding the "where" and "how much" of risk factors such as underage drinking and drug abuse, the community can better equip itself to reduce those factors and increase protective ones.

Visit PRC 5 Online for Data Updates

The Region 5 PRC is the designated clearinghouse for accessing the latest ongoing surveys, the results of completed surveys, and other up-to-date data collection efforts, as well as postings for regional prevention training. You can contact us via the web at www.prc5.org, toll-free at 1-800-445-8562, or email kbartel@adacdet.org to support data initiatives in your area.

Comprehensive Data Collection Strategies

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