Sample Success Story for Community Garden and Horticulture Therapy

Note to Agents: This is a sample success story that aligns with the Sample Evaluation. It is to be adapted to meet your county and programs. If you use the Sample Evaluation, Qualtric does analysis and provides the totals and percentages that you can use.

It is suggested that you use the top two to three intermediate outcomes in your story, not all of the possible outcomes.

REHABILITATION FACILITY or DETENTION CENTER

Over the past 20 years, the number of people incarcerated and deaths from drug abuse have continued to rise. The ___________ County strives to change the addiction of alcohol and drugs that plague our communities. The ________ County Extension Service partnered with <NAME OF FACILITY> to organize and conduct a garden therapy program which served adults challenged with <CHALLENGES>. The participants were selected to participate by ___________________________________________.

The Extension agent, program assistant and volunteers conducted <number> of educational programs and demonstrations to <number> participants over _____ weeks. The participants were responsible for <physical garden activities> in the <type of garden> garden.

The garden produced approximately ___ pounds of fresh produce that was ___________________.

The professional staff of <Name of Facility> observed that the gardening project benefited the physical and emotional health of the participants and improved cognitive skills. This includes: <list two or three of from each area>.

SENIOR CENTER

In __________ County, _____ percent of the population over the age of 65. It is important that these older adults are physically, mentally, and socially active to maintain health.

The ___________ County Extension Service partnered with <Name of Facility> to create a ________ garden. <number> of residents participated in the garden project. These adults were challenged by <Challenges>. <Describe the accommodations made for the challenges>.

The Extension agent, program assistant and volunteers conducted program, demonstrations, and work session over <number> weeks. The residents spent approximately ___ hours per week working in the garden doing <two or three physical activities done for garden care>.

The <Name of Facility> professional staff shared that those participating in the garden project maintained or improved their physical, emotional, and cognitive skills. This included <list two or three items from each category>.

Approximately ____ pounds of fruits and vegetables were harvested from the garden. The fresh produce was _________________.

The professional staff shared …………………………...