

"IS IT WORTH DOING AT ALL"? SO WHAT ?!? ...  
Cost/Benefits & Financial Impacts of Extension FCS Programs  
2010

**Quantifying the Cost of Physical Inactivity**

<http://www.ecu.edu/picostcalc/> Fifty Plus Lifelong Fitness, and the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity, East Carolina University

**Robert Woods Johnson Foundation** - research and publication on health related programs

<http://www.rwjf.org/pr/>

**Cost of Foodborne Illness Calculator - USDA - Economic Research Service (ERS)**

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FoodborneIllness/> - Add own numbers of *Salmonella* and shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* O157 cases in state or county

**Cost-Benefit Impact Statements: A Tool For Extension Accountability – O’Neill and Richardson,** Journal of Extension, <http://www.joe.org/joe/1999august/tt3.html>

**Evaluation and Cost Benefit Fact Sheets,** North Carolina State University, John G. Richardson, <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/AboutCES/Factsheets/>

**Calculating the Economic Impact of Health Education Programs: Five Tools for Extension Educators,** O’Neill, Journal of Extension, <http://www.joe.org/joe/2008february/tt4p.shtml>

**The Extension Hedgehog,** Daniel M. McGrath, Flaxen D.L. Conway, Sharon Johnson, Journal of Extension, <http://www.joe.org/joe/2007April/a1.shtml>

**USING COST ANALYSIS IN EVALUATION - Sewell and Marczak,** The Journal of Extension <http://ag.arizona.edu/fcs/cyfernet/cyfar/Costben2.htm>

**Benefits and Values of the Master Gardener Program – Schrok, Meyer, et al,** The Journal of Extension <http://www.joe.org/joe/2000february/rb2.html>

**Identifying the Public Value in Extension Programs,** Laura Kalambokidis, The Journal of Extension <http://www.joe.org/joe/2004april/a1.shtml>

**Theory and Rigor in Extension Program Evaluation Planning, Braverman and Engle,** The Journal of Extension - <http://www.joe.org/joe/2009june/a1.php>

**CDC Evaluation Working Group**

<http://www.cdc.gov/eval/resources.htm>

**CDC**

**Cost Effectiveness Analysis (CEA)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/owcd/EET/CostEffect2/1.html>

**Washington State Institute for Public Policy**

**Cost-benefits – research on** education, criminal justice, welfare, children and adult services, health, utilities, and general government <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/>

**Communicating Program Value of Family Life and Parenting Education Programs to Decision Makers – DeBord**      <http://www.joe.org/joe/2005april/iw2.shtml>

**Surgeon General’s Report on Bone Health and Osteoporosis, Oct. 2004**  
<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/bonehealth/>

**Administration on Aging, Evidence based programs**  
<http://www.healthyagingprograms.org/content.asp?sectionid=32>

**Early Childhood Interventions: Benefits, Costs, and Savings – Rand**  
[http://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_briefs/RB5014/index1.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB5014/index1.html)

**Cost of Out of School-Time Programs – The Finance Project**  
<http://www.financeproject.org/Publications/litreview.pdf>

**What Works** - University of Wisconsin–Madison’s School of Human Ecology and the University of Wisconsin–Extension’s Family Living Program. 2005-08, Latest scientific knowledge effective policies, practices, and programs, including “evidence-based programs,” for youth and their families  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/families/whatworks.cfm>

**Iowa EFNEP Cost Benefits** - <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM1865.pdf>

**Tennessee EFNEP Cost Benefits**                      <http://fcs.tennessee.edu/efnep/tncba.htm>

**Saving Energy Costs with Operation Cool Shade** - University of Arizona Cooperative Extension  
<http://cals.arizona.edu/delivers/stories/> - energy conservation

**Several states Extension systems have done “return on investment” or cost/benefits analysis of programs - examples**

**Arizona Cooperative Extension**  
<http://cals.arizona.edu/delivers/>

**North Carolina Cooperative Extension**  
<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/Bar/about/aboutCES.php>

**Texas AgriLife Extension Service**  
<http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/strategyimpact/economicimpact/>

**Wisconsin Cooperative Extension**  
<http://www.uwex.edu/impacts/>

**Wisconsin Family/youth Impacts**  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/impact/index.cfm>

**Sharon Hoelscher Day, CFCS**  
**Area Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences**  
**Regional Specialist, Nutritional Sciences**  
**University of Arizona Cooperative Extension**  
**4341 E. Broadway, Phoenix, AZ 85040**  
**602-827-8200 Ext 332**  
[shday@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:shday@ag.arizona.edu)

[cals.arizona.edu/maricopa/fcs/](http://cals.arizona.edu/maricopa/fcs/)