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SMART CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

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**Accepted Proposals**


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Applied Research

Smart Choice Health Insurance© Program Development and Impact Assessment

Braun, Bonnie; Little, Lynn; Brown, Virginia; Garcia, Christine; Kim, Jinhee; McCoy, T; O'Neil, M.; Pippidis, Maria; Russell, Mia. Health Insurance Literacy Initiative. University of Maryland Extension. This educational programming and research initiative was launched to teach consumers how to make wise purchase and use decisions.

In 2013, the team: 1) Created, pilot-tested and launched the Smart Choice Health Insurance© curriculum and the eXtension AskHealthLit; 2) Trained and certified 89 educators in 25 states; 3) Collaborated with the American Institutes for Research to test measures of health insurance literacy; 4) Collected and analyzed impact data; and 5) Published or presented multiple scholarly articles. Funded by the University of Maryland Extension, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, eXtension.

Linking Health Care Reform to Economic Development in the Agriculture Sector

The HILI team was invited to join with other states in a proposal to the USDA’s Agriculture Food and Research Initiative. Linking Health Care Reform to Economic Development in the Agriculture Sector was developed by a multi-disciplinary, multi-state team. If selected, the four year study will provide research findings to support the Smart Choice—Farm Families curriculum.

Little research or outreach has focused on understanding how the Affordable Care Act will influence the way farm and ranch families structure and grow their enterprises, manage risk and balance labor resources.
**Smart Choice: Targeting Minorities in Frederick County**

The HILI team worked with the Asian American Center of Frederick to seek funding to support *Smart Choice* workshops conducted in partnership for the next two years. The workshops will target minority populations. The workshops will precede enrollment guided by navigators. Funding was requested in response to an HHS Office of Minority Health grant proposal request.

**Community-based Programs to Reduce Obesity in High Obesity Areas in Arkansas**

The HILI team worked with the University of Arkansas to respond to a CDC grant. The proposal includes *Smart Choice* training for Extension Educators to address the state’s expanded approach to Medicaid. Health insurance and health insurance literacy for adults was identified as an important part of obesity reduction and prevention.

**Teaching**

Braun, B., & Little, L. (2014, June). *Smart choice health insurance*<sup>©</sup> educator training. Loveland, CO.
Braun, B., & Little, L. (2013, November). *Smart choice health insurance*<sup>©</sup> educator training. Chaska, MN.
Braun, B., & Little, L. (2013, October). *Smart choice health insurance*<sup>©</sup> educator training. St. Peter, MO.
Braun, B., & Little, L. (2013, October). *Smart choice health insurance*<sup>©</sup> educator training. Portland, OR.

**Webinars**


**Smart Choice Health Insurance Products**


**Award**

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, 2014 Family Economics Resource Management Community Education Award for *Smart Choice Health Insurance©*. 