

EFNEP Volunteer Management

- Working group formed in Spring 2016
- Monthly meetings to frame proposal
- Widespread representation



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Our Charge

- Provide language that could inform policy on volunteerism in EFNEP
 - Align recommendations with EFNEP program policies, and with university and Extension policies
 - Get input from program coordinators



Drafts Developed

- Volunteer categories
- Key criteria
- Potential policy language

YOU will have a chance to review and respond



Categories of Volunteers

- Formal Volunteer Program
- Non-agency Volunteers
- Agency-paid Volunteers
- Student/Intern Volunteers



Key Criteria Defined

Potential benefit to EFNEP and to volunteers

Examples of volunteers

Examples of potential responsibilities



Key Criteria Defined

Recruitment and management of volunteers

Initial and ongoing training needs

Keeping volunteers involved and engaged



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Recognizing, honoring and discharging from service

• Interface of paraprofessional staff, supervisors and volunteers

Challenges and how to address them



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