

# It Takes a Village...

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### Goals of Using Technology in EFNEP

- Increase EFNEP graduation rate.
- Expand reach to new audiences.
- Assist EFNEP with staying relevant to different learning styles and how audiences want to learn.



## When you hear the phrase....

EFNEP and Technology

What comes to mind?



# Maintaining EFNEP Integrity

- Program delivery priority of EFNEP is peer educators with knowledge and experience of low income communities as the best method for reaching our nation's poorest families.
- Dosage and paraprofessional contact needed for optimal program outcomes.
- Learner-centered focus.
- Innovative teaching techniques and hands-on learning that can support and/or enhance programs.
- Collection of information such as recalls, surveys, signatures, etc.
- Cultural competence multi languages.
- Validity and evidence base with practical application of current research.
- High quality of teaching—review and update peer educator training protocol.
- Coordination, collaboration and engagement with community partners and stakeholders.



### Overview of Work to Date

- Literature review
- Survey of EFNEP participants and staff
- Pilot projects
  - Texting
  - Video conference delivery
  - Online supplemental lesson
- Draft of technology framework and contribution to policy document



# 2016 - 2017 Progress

- Poster at SNEB
- Integrated Technology and Social Media Framework
- Feedback Survey from Coordinators
- Poster at 2017 EFNEP Coordinators meeting
- Updated Social Media Tool Kit and Website



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Resources

Education

Toolkit

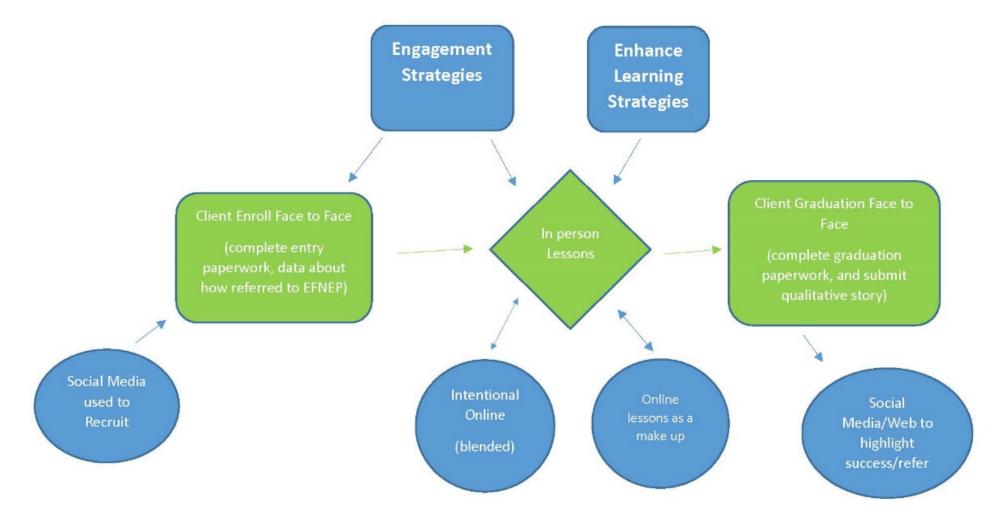
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# When it comes to building a healthier community, we're all on the same team

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) works throughout the country to meet the needs of low-income families, and to help them get out of the poverty cycle. While peer educators' interactive lessons with EFNEP participants remain essential, digital marketing and social media strategies have also become important to aid EFNEP's community outreach efforts. But where do you even begin to create a social media strategy that will help you reach your target audience? To meet this need, EFNEP representatives from across the country came together to create tools and resources to educate other EFNEP programs about using digital marketing and social media strategies to communicate with participants and potential participants. Find resources, educational materials, and tools to help you succeed in promoting your EFNEP programs using social media and digital marketing here on our website.





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Technology Lit Review Bingo



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# Technology Spectrum

# **Easy Implementation**

Medium

High



### **Suggested Parameters**

- Paraprofessional -key to client success
- Goal: Client retention and graduation
- Outcomes: same as with or without technology
- Must maintain a minimum number of in-person lessons and hours
- Experiential activities are still priority
- Use evidence based practices and resources
- Abides by policy documents



# Low Technology Category

- Can implement immediately
- Requires little to no training
- Uses existing approved resources—WIC Shopper, SuperTracker

#### Examples:

- Digital media and social media during lessons
- Email/text messages for reminders to increase client retention
- Email/text messages to reinforce learning concepts and skill building between lessons.



# Medium Technology Category

- Needs moderate planning time
- Requires moderate training needs
- Needs moderate resources to implement

### Examples:

- Online make-up lessons
- Social media engagement-program and client interaction

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- Social media recruitment and post graduate follow up
- Enhanced learning with social media/interactive technology—videos, quizzes, games, apps

# High Technology Category

- Requires multiple steps/people to implement
- Requires additional resources
- Requires additional training and skills
- May need new recruitment/educational technology content Examples:
  - Blended lessons—in-person and online
  - Interactive lessons with quizzes and experiential activities
  - Online group meetings such as Google Hangout or Facebook Live



### What could a lesson look like?

1 hour of programming make up lesson



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# Where do we go from here..

- Technology Policy document late Spring
- Information and training sessions, 2017-2018
- Soft roll written into annual program plan
- Further research to establish best practices
- Data collection to document effectiveness



### Your Feedback

- Training needs
  - self-paced video modules
  - live webinars
  - resource guides group discussions/ sharing with colleagues
  - session(s) at regional EFNEP conference
  - session(s) at National EFNEP Conference



### **Annual Plan Considerations**

- Read the policy document
- Consider the parameters
- Maintain EFNEP integrity components
- Start small pilot
- Outline how you will monitor



### We Need to Hear from You

- Training
- Technical Assistance
- Resources to Share

• Interested in being involved? Join us!

