

SD SARE Mini-grant Event reporting 3MA728

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Type of Mini-grant Activity (please select one)

- Short Workshop
- Intermediate Length Workshop
- Multi-day Workshop
- Extended time Workshop
- Single Day Field Day/Tour
- Multiday Field Day/Tour
- Extended Time field Day/Tour
- Web-based Curricula
- Print-based Curricula
- Study Circle
- Webinar
- Webinar Series

Start Date 4/28/17

End Date 4/28/17

Location City Mitchell

Location State SD

Location Zip 57301

Professionals in attendance (Number)

- Extension 11 full time PLUS
14 newly hired Temporary Seasonal Garden Coordinators
- NRCS
- NGO
- Agency
- Farmer/Rancher
- For Profit
- Other
- Other Description

Action Outcomes (Number)

- Newsletters - weekly sustainable gardening tips
- Answer Client Questions
- New Contacts
- New Ideas
- New Programming
- Individual Consultations
- Farmers Reached

- Other – Number of Community Gardens Started and Maintained

Description:

April 28th I held Garden Coordinator Training - a statewide “train the trainers” event. Seasonal staff were hired to install, maintain, and teach gardening on the Cheyenne River, Standing Rock, Crow Creek, Lower Brule, Rosebud, and Pine Ridge Reservations plus Rapid City. The goal was to bring fresh produce and a degree of self sufficiency to these food deserts in an effort to reduce obesity and diabetes.

Material was developed or mined and morphed from research based sustainable gardening practices. Sustainable gardening practices honors the Lakota cultural traditions of care for the earth, and sacredness of all of life. The community gardens served as outdoor classrooms for gardening and nutrition. It also was a step to that Farm to Fork piece of where does our food come from!

21 Community Gardens were installed maintained and harvested. Community members in Lake Andes, Marty, Wagner, 2 in Lower Brule, Elk Point, 2 in Ft. Thomson, 6 in Rapid City, Rosebud, Kyle, Wanblee, Martin, Dupree, Little Eagle, McLaughlin learned sustainable gardening practices including IPM. They will end the growing season with harvest celebrations and feasts.

Thank you SARE funding for the botany buckets which included soil thermometers, moisture probes to ensure adequate not excessive watering took place, garden journals (to record planting dates, fertilizer and pesticide applications, harvests, and significant weather events), laminated seedling identification data sheets, and laminated disease and pest (bad bug) identification sheets.

