

Rhode Island School Food Safety Partnership and Model Program

Making the Grade in School Food Safety
Positive Prevention !
Power of Collaboration !

Rhode Island Process

- State Level Partnership Team
(DOE, DOH, URI, Kids First)
- Inventory Food Safety Resources
- Evaluate Resources - SWOT Analysis
(Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats)
- State-wide Survey of Teachers,
Principals, Fd Service Directors, Nurses



Rhode Island Process (continued)

- Focus Group on priority of food safety in schools in RI with MACRO International
- Select, Profile, Define, Create, and Celebrate ***Food Safe Schools***
- Incorporate state and national resources: URI Cooperative Extension Food Safety House, Fight Bac, Thermy, CDC Food Safe School Action Guide



‘Living Example’ Food Safe Schools

- 2 Elementary Schools
- 2 Middle Schools
- 2 High Schools
- 6 Districts
-Staff and Teachers
-Students
-Families
- Profile
- Needs Assessment from Action Guide
- Action Plan Development
- Action Plan Implementation
- Celebrate Success of Food Safe Schools



School Based Teams

- Principal
 - Approval
 - Support
 - Guideline/Policy work
 - Planning
- School Nurse Teachers
 - Records
 - Response
 - FBI Symptoms and causes
 - Planning
- Food Service Director
 - Coordinator
 - Order Materials
 - Implementation and training
 - Planning
- Family and Consumer Science Teacher
 - Coordinator
 - Order Materials
 - Implementation and training
 - Planning



Positive Prevention!

- Foodborne illness can be prevented
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers a solution for schools:
 - Food Safe School Action Guide
 - RI Input on Contents
 - Focus Group - RI schools, National Partners
 - Feedback
 - Principal Brochure
 - RI Interviews
 - Feedback

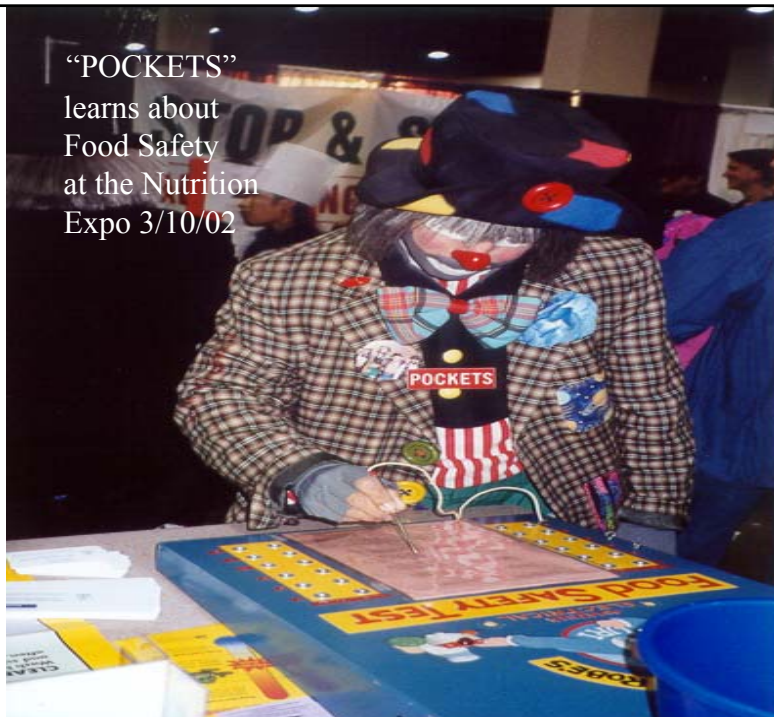
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| NEHA: | Literature Review |
| ANF: | Nurse Response Plan |
| NACCHO: | Forum on Local Collaboration |
| CA, SD, WI, WV: | Shared Learnings |
| ASFSA: | School Food Service Assoc. |
| CDC: | Action Guide |
| | It's a SNAP: |
| | School Network |
| | for Absenteeism Prevention |
| MACRO: | Content of Action Guide |
| AED: | Design of Action Guide |
| RI: | Pioneers! |



“POCKETS”

learns about
Food Safety
at the Nutrition
Expo 3/10/02



Food safety can be fun!

- Lively presentations
 - Costumed character
 - Material the audience can relate to
- Incentives for students, staff, parents
 - Refrigerator thermometers
 - Individual bars of soap
 - Bookmarks
 - Ice Packs
 - Potholders
 - Literature
 - Stickers
 - Magnets





What Questions Do You Have?

Thank you for your attention.

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