

EDEN 101:

A guide to the

Extension Disaster Education

Network

What is EDEN?

- The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) is a collaborative multi-state effort by Cooperative Extension Services across the country to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters.
- EDEN's mission is to reduce the impact of disasters through research-based education.

History

- EDEN was created after catastrophic flooding along the Mississippi River in 1993 inspired the need for Extension's role in prep, response, recovery
- EDEN is funded by the USDA/ NIFA

Partnerships

- EDEN has formal relationships with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through its National Institutes of Food and Agriculture (NIFA, formerly CSREES), and with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's National Sea Grant Program (NOAA SeaGrant).

Membership

- Institutions, rather than individuals, are EDEN members.
- A land-grant extension institution or program becomes a member when the director or administrator names a point of contact and submits an EDEN Cooperative Agreement.
- EDEN is an alliance of land-grant extension services: 1862, 1890, 1994, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and NOAA Sea Grant Programs.

Structure

- Each institution has one point of contact (POC)
- Institutions may have additional delegates, who represent all areas of Extension
- More than 300 dedicated “volunteers” representing more than 75 different areas of expertise

Committees

- EDEN has eight active standing committees:
 - 4-H and Youth Development
 - Agriculture
 - Community and Economic Development
 - Exercise and Training for Disaster Resilience
 - Community and Economic Development
 - Professional Development
 - Marketing & Membership
 - Natural Resources

Leadership

- EDEN leadership includes the Executive Committee, which is composed of the EDEN Officers, EDEN support staff, standing committee Chairs and NIFA, Sea Grant & ECOP Liaisons.
- EDEN Officers include the Chair, Chair-Elect and Secretary, all of whom serve a two year term.

Resources

- Materials for Preparedness, Recovery & Mitigation for Extension
 - Curricula and Publications
 - Toolkits and Guides
 - Webinars and Videos
 - Factsheets and Checklists
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Grant Funding Opportunities

EDEN Annual Conference

- Hosted yearly by EDEN in rotating regions
- Includes:
 - Educational excursions
 - In-depth training
 - Poster and Project presentations
 - Networking opportunities

Visit our Website to Learn More!

- <https://extensiondisaster.net/>
- Learn more about EDEN and how they can help you!
- Find your Point of Contact or Become a Delegate

Thank You
