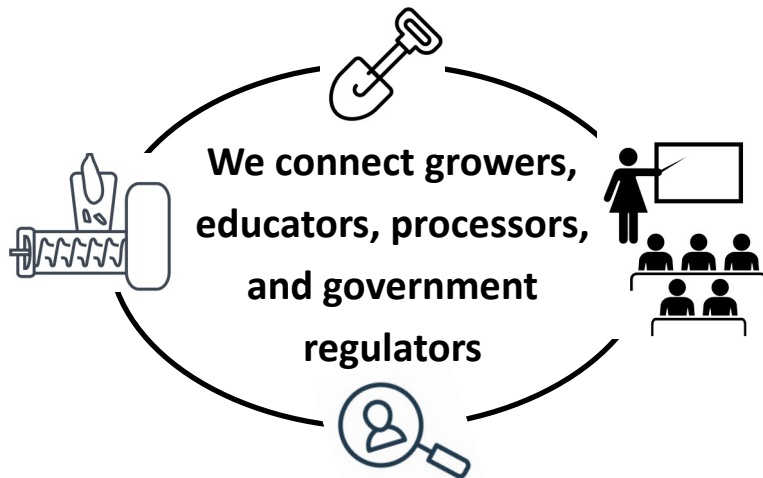




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The transition from the FDA-funded Center to the USDA-funded Center occurred from October 2018 to February 2019 as the two PI's established a new co-lead approach under the project.

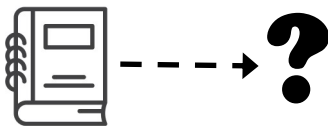
The NCR FSMA Center serves as a communication and networking portal within the region for relaying key information on food safety, related to the various Food Safety Modernization Act Rules.

through newsletters, website/social media, listening sessions, and meetings.



The Center sends a monthly newsletter to 191 people and has an active website (994 visitors) and social media presence (117 followers). It offers listening sessions for educators and regulators on a monthly basis. The NCR FSMA Center held its first annual conference in Indianapolis (70 attendees); hosted an educators' meeting in Detroit (30 people); and presented at numerous regional conferences.

The Center is working to support Alternate Curriculum and FSOP Grantees.

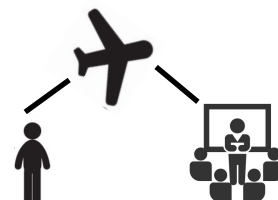


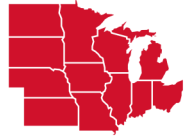
The goal of the mentorship program is to help FSMA educators gain knowledge or a skill from their peers. Two matches have been made. The Educator Sharing Program offers twelve travel stipends for a PSA, FSPCA, or SSA lead trainer to travel where needed.

The PSA Grower Training Knowledge Assessment is a survey used to determine the effectiveness of educators. Pre- and post-test scores are compared for individual participants. Last year, scores increased an average of 4.1 points.

The NCR FSMA Center provides support to each of the six FSOP grantees as well as writing seven letters of support for those teams applying for funding. The NCR FSMA Center is developing procedures and rubrics to review any alternate curriculum.

We're developing trainers through the mentorship program, trainer sharing, and training evaluation.





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994 users have viewed our website.

191 people receive our newsletter.

70 educators, regulators, students, and government officials attended our annual conference.

32 attendees participated in-person at other meetings planned by the NCR FSMA.

24 partners serve on our advisory board.

12 webinars / listening sessions per year are held for educators and regulators.

7 letters of support were provided for FSOP applicants in 2019.

6 FSOP awardees were from the North Central Region in 2018.

2 mentoring matches have been identified.

1 process for alternate curriculum review.

Post-training evaluations showed a **significant increase** in produce safety knowledge among attendees (4.1 was the average score increase in the 2017-2018 Produce Safety Alliance courses.)