



# EDEN

EXTENSION DISASTER EDUCATION NETWORK

2026 EDEN Spring Training Conference // Tampa, Florida



## Welcome to the 2026 EDEN Spring Training!

Welcome to Tampa, and thank you for joining us for our very first EDEN Spring Training! We are thrilled to have you here in sunny Florida as we come together for three days of learning, networking, and shared discovery.

We have a fantastic program planned. I'm especially excited about our field trip to see the NOAA Hurricane Hunters aircraft — a true bucket-list moment for me. We'll also hear from local community members about the impacts of recent hurricanes in Florida, and we'll be joined by one of my favorite speakers, Marshal Sewel with Mind Your Melon.

Our training lineup is outstanding, thanks to our colleagues from Mississippi State University, Florida A&M University (FAMU), Texas A&M University, and the University of Florida. I am deeply grateful to each of our speakers and trainers for sharing their time, expertise, and passion with us this week.

I also hope you find a moment to enjoy the beauty of Florida while you're here. The Tampa Riverwalk offers a wonderful way to experience the city, with great views, shops, and restaurants — and of course, some of our best beaches are just a short drive away.

This conference is especially meaningful to me, as it marks my last as EDEN Chair. Serving in this role over the past two years has been a true honor. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our officer team—Monty Dozier and Faye Griffiths-Smith—the Executive Committee, and all our Points-of-Contact and delegates. Your support, hard work, and unwavering commitment have strengthened this organization and carried our mission forward in meaningful ways. As I pass the torch to the amazing Monty Dozier, I look forward to continuing our shared work of strengthening resilience in the communities we care deeply about.

I hope you learn a lot this week, make new connections, and have some fun along the way. Thank you again for being here — and welcome to Florida!

### **Angie B. Lindsey, Ph.D.**

Chair, Extension Disaster Education Network  
University of Florida



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



## MONDAY

**4:00 PM**      **Board Meeting**  
📍 *Bayshore West*

**6:00 PM**      **Board Dinner**  
📍 *Offsite*

## TUESDAY

**8:00 AM**      **Registration and Breakfast**  
📍 *Lobby and Riverview*

**9:00 AM**      **Assessments Overview + QA**  
**University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Disaster Impact Analysis Program**  
Dr. Christa Court, University of Florida IFAS  
📍 *Riverview*

**11:00 AM**      **Community Relief and Recovery Panel**  
📍 *Riverview*

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch and Keynote Speaker**  
📍 *Riverview*

*Marshal Sewell, Founder  
Mind Your Melon Foundation*

**1:00 PM**      **Depart for Excursions**  
📍 *Hotel Lobby*  
*Pre-registered attendees only.*



**A special thanks to our  
excursion hosts!**



## WEDNESDAY

### 7:30 AM Registration and Breakfast

📍 *Lobby and Riverview*

### 8:30 AM Welcome

📍 *Riverview*

#### **Nicole Walker, Interim Director**

University of Florida/IFAS Extension Southwest District

#### **Vonda Richardson, Director**

Cooperative Extension, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)

**Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative Extension Disaster Education Network (FADI-EDEN) Team, Extension Foundation**

### 9:00 AM ICS TRAINING TRACK

#### **ICS 700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System for Extension Educators**

Mississippi State Extension

📍 *Bayshore East*

### 9:00 AM SPECIAL TOPICS TRACK

#### **University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Disaster Impact Analysis Program**

Dr. Christa Court, University of Florida IFAS

📍 *Bayshore West*

## BREAK

### 10:30 AM ICS TRAINING TRACK

#### **ICS 800: An Introduction to the National Response Framework for Extension Educators**

Mississippi State Extension

📍 *Bayshore East*

### 10:30 AM SPECIAL TOPICS TRACK

#### **Disasters & Mental Health**

Dr. Heidi Radunovich, University of Florida IFAS

📍 *Bayshore West*

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**  
📍 *Riverview*

**1:00 PM**      **ICS TRAINING TRACK**  
**ICS 100: An Introduction to the Incident Command System for Extension Educators**  
Mississippi State Extension  
📍 *Bayshore East*

**1:00 PM**      **SPECIAL TOPICS TRACK**  
**Animal Response & Recovery**  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
📍 *Bayshore West*

**BREAK**

**2:30 PM**      **ICS TRAINING TRACK**  
**ICS 200: Incident Command System for Single Resources for Extension Educators**  
Mississippi State Extension  
📍 *Bayshore East*

**2:30 PM**      **SPECIAL TOPICS TRACK**  
**G-288: Local Volunteer and Donations Management for Extension Educators**  
Mississippi State Extension and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
📍 *Bayshore West*

**4:30 PM**      **Reception + Poster Session**  
📍 *Riverview + Pool Deck*

**5:30 PM**      **Linger Longer: Extension Efforts Panel**  
📍 *Riverview*

**More Conference Resources Online!**

Access the conference schedule, abstracts, restaurant recommendations and more on the conference hub!



## THURSDAY

**7:30 AM**      **Registration and Breakfast**

📍 *Lobby and Riverview*

**8:30 AM**

**ICS 956: Liaison Officer for Incident Command Structure for Extension Educators**

Florida A&M Extension and Mississippi State Extension

📍 *Bayshore East*

**BREAK**

**10:30 AM**

**ICS 984/S 330: Task Force/Strike Team Leadership for Extension Educators**

Mississippi State Extension

📍 *Bayshore East*

**12:00 PM**

**Awards Lunch**

📍 *Riverview*

**1:00 PM**

**Committee Huddles**

📍 *Riverview*

**2:15 PM**

**Business Session**

📍 *Riverview*

**3:00 PM**

**Adjourn**

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



## MARSHAL SEWELL

*Founder, Mind Your Melon Foundation*

Marshal was born and raised on his family's fruit and vegetable operation in Plant City, FL. Growing up, Marshal witnessed, firsthand, the stressors of agricultural life and the toll they take on those involved. Following a crop failure during high school, Marshal lost his father to suicide and has been pursuing a greater understanding of mental health management ever since.

In 2019, following the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, Marshal was invited to attend a Georgia Farm Bureau event to address the harsh reality of farm stress and life after loss. Since then, he has been involved in the advocacy of farm stress and mental health awareness through his speaking engagements and writing contributions.

While raising general awareness for the issue is the foundation of his work, Marshal has aspired to serve as a voice in promoting more proactive day-to-day choices to achieve personal resilience and a more healthy life.



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## **Preparing Resilient Youth: 4-H Weather and Climate Science Camp**

*Chase Baillie: Clemson Extension Food Systems and Safety, Miracle Rabon: Clemson Extension 4-H Youth Development*

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## **Using Mind Mapping Tools for Planning Simulations for Locally Informed Vulnerability Assessment Processes to Identify Pre-Planning Strategies for All-Hazards and to Bridge Gaps in Risk Scenarios in Communities near U.S. Military Facilities in Order to Improve Whole Community Resilience**

*Peter Barcinas, University of Guam  
Kristina Sayama, University of Guam  
Michael Gaffney, Washington State University  
Christina Sanders, Washington State University*

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## **Engaging Florida Youth in Conservation, Climate Literacy, and Community Resiliency: FACE & FAM-SEA in Action**

*Kimberly Davis, Florida A&M University*

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## **The Heartland EDEN Experience and Evolution**

*Dan Downing - University of Missouri Extension  
Soni Cochran - University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension*

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## **Storm Smart Landscaping: Integrating Horticulture and Disaster Preparedness**

*Susan Haddock, University of Florida/IFAS Extension, Hillsborough County  
Michelle Atkinson, University of Florida/IFAS Extension, Manatee County*

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## **Gamifying Readiness: A National Train-the-Trainer Workshop for Family and Animal Disaster Preparedness**

*Andrea Higdon\*, Nichole Huff, Kendriana Price, Melissa Morgan, Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, Kandice Williams\*, Geri Zakharia\*, Sara Green (University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment); and Chelsey Anderson\*, Danielle Hagler, Brian Jeffers, Krista Perry, Nikki Peyton, Ben Rudy, Ashley Vice (University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)*

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## **Climate Navigators in Action: A Multi-Level Partnership Model for Strengthening Community Resilience**

*Ramona Madhosingh-Hector, Carrie Stevenson, Alicia Betancourt, Holly Abeels (University of Florida/IFAS Extension), Emily Powell (Florida State University), Armando Ubeda, Monica Wilson (University of Florida/IFAS Extension)*

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## **Preparing for the Human Side of Disasters: Choosing the Right Mental Health Training**

*Renee Martin- University of Georgia*

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## **Teaching Blackout Backup-Extension Healthy Homes outreach on how to navigate prolonged power outages**

*Fairbank Art Nash- University of Alaska, Fairbanks Institute of Agriculture. Natural Resources and Extension*

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**A Three-Phase Storm Lifecycle Webinar Integrating Emerging Disaster Education Issues and Cooperative Extension Partnerships**

*Nelly Nelson, University of Florida*

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**Michigan State University Extension Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock Program**

*Katie Ockert, Michigan State University*

*Tom Guthrie, Michigan State University*

*Mike Metzger, Michigan State University*

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**Visions for a Resilient Louisiana: A Youth-Centered STEM and Creative Learning Model for Hazard Awareness and Community Preparedness**

*Claire Scott, Meggan Franks, and Shelly Kleinpeter*

*LSU AgCenter LaHouse Research and Education Center*

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**INPREP & EDEN: Keeping Indiana Emergency Aware**

*Ed Sheldon and Michael Wilcox, Purdue University*

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**EDEN & AgrAbility: Collaborating to Strengthen Preparedness and Disaster Recovery for Families Impacted by Disabilities**

*Ed Sheldon, Purdue University and Soni Cochran, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

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**A New Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) for Agricultural Communities: AgriSafe's Tool for Identifying and Prioritizing Natural Disaster Risks for Agriculture**

*Laura Siegel (AgriSafe Network)*

*Jake Janssen (MPH Student at Tulane University)*

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**From Preparedness to Recovery: UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension's Role in Hurricane Resilience**

*Adam Smith (UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension),*

*Madelyn Greathouse (UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension),*

*Jim Davis (UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension),*

*Lisa Sanderson (UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension),*

*Jamie Daugherty (UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension)*

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**BE SAFE: Biosecurity Education to Safeguard Animals at Fairs and Events**

*Sara Tomis (University of Connecticut), Jennifer*

*Cushman (University of Connecticut), Halie*

*Shea (University of Connecticut), Maryann*

*Fusco-Rollins (University of Connecticut), Emily*

*Alger (University of Connecticut), Bonnie Burr*

*(University of Connecticut)*

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**Building Resilience Through Preparedness: Empowering Young Farmers and Ranchers to Thrive Amid Natural Disasters**

*Aaron Yoder (University of Nebraska - Central States Center for Ag Safety and Health)*

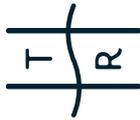
*Ellen Duysen (University of Nebraska - Central States Center for Ag Safety and Health)*

*Kelsey Irvine (University of Nebraska - Central States Center for Ag Safety and Health)*

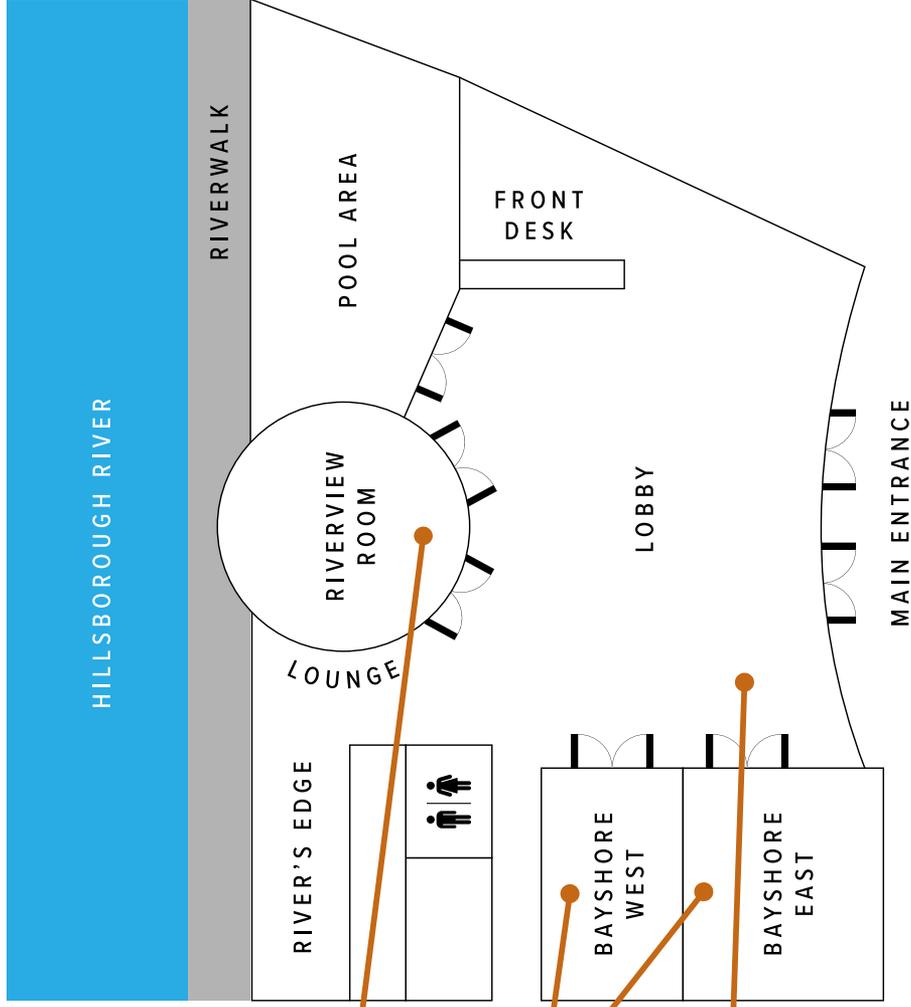
*Randy Saner (University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension)*

# CONFERENCE SUPPORTERS





HOTEL  
TAMPA  
RIVERWALK



**MEAL  
FUNCTIONS**

**TRAINING  
WORKSHOPS**

**REGISTRATION**



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