

Food Share of Lincoln County has been a partner with OSU Extension Services in Newport for several years. We have mostly worked on food tastings at pantries using Food Hero Recipes and facilitating Cooking Matters classes to both English and Latinex participants. Our experience has been nothing short of stellar. Stephanie Russell and her team are a delight to work with. Since the pandemic, it's been difficult to follow thru on programming, but we hope to continue the good work in Lincoln County as soon as it's safe to do so.

One Cooking Matters class experience comes to mind: Beatriz Botello-Salgado was teaching a Latinex class with several families. She did such a beautiful job of keeping the participants active in the kitchen while also managing the younger children who were not yet old enough to participate. It was very hectic and Beatriz kept everyone either on task or entertained. It was a very successful class with an almost 100% graduation rate. The families were so excited to graduate and were very proud of the certificates they received. The recipes used in the class were culturally appropriate (thanks to Beatriz) and were happily consumed by all.