



Aim Statement Template

Name: Food Protection

We aim to: (What are we trying to accomplish? Use words like improve, reduce, and increase to identify the overall goal. Make it specific, measurable, achievable, and relevant.)

Improve competency of Certified Food Inspectors (CFI) by requiring and providing access to a basic microbiology training course that relates to foodborne illness and disease.

because: (Why is it important? Why is it important now? Answer the “so what” question and describe the rational and reasons to work on this improvement project) This will address the gap identified in a survey of food service inspection reports between the frequency of risk factor violations cited by state and federal inspectors and those conducted by local CFIs. It is intended to improve the quality of food service establishment inspections by providing supplemental education in microbiology that many CFIs either never had or had a number of years ago. This will enhance their ability to use critical thinking and professional judgment in determining if risk factor violations are present during inspections

for: (Who is your specific target population/customer?)
Certified food inspectors and candidates for certification

by when: (specific time frame, i.e., month/year in which you intend to complete the improvement) By January 2016

We will achieve this by: (How will you carry out the work and reach your overall aim? Think of the resources at your disposal.) We will require candidates for field standardization to take the FDA free online microbiology course prior to scheduling field work. It will be introduced at the 2015 EHTP for new food inspectors in January. A circular letter will be sent to all LHDs and CFIs informing them of the FDA online course as an option to acquiring 6 contact hours toward the 16 hours required for recertification.

Our goals include: (What are our measureable goals? Think of the key changes you need to make. State them as numeric goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, and relevant.)

- # of candidates for certification that complete the training
- # of CFIs that take the course for 6 contact hours
- Assess risk factor violation frequency after January 2016 to see if gap has lessened.