Please write a short non-technical summary of your research for non-expert readers. Present the significance or possible implications of your work simply and objectively. Avoid using acronyms and complex terminology wherever possible. This summary will be used to promote your research to a wide audience (i.e., scientists and non-scientists) via Mid-South TCC communication channels. In addition, it will be added to the Mid-South TCC webpage (www.uab.edu/midsouthtcc).

Project Investigators

Title of Research Project

Provide 1-3 single sentence bullet points for each of the following questions. Bullet points should be objective, brief, succinct, specific, accurate, and avoid technical language.

What is the problem and what is known about it? Reflect on what was known about the topic before the research was proposed.

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Why did the researchers do this study? Reflect on why research was needed, provide the study’s goal, and briefly describe the study design.

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Where was the study done and who was the study population? Include study sample size.

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What did the researchers find? Briefly describe the study’s major findings.

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What do these findings mean? What are the implications for policy, practice, and research? Reflect on the new knowledge generated by the research. Consider how interpretation of the study’s findings may be affected by the study limitations.

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What are the researchers’ directions for future research?

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Example Author Summary

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