



Positive Youth Development



4-H Exchange between Wisconsin youth and Kansas youth

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

A virtual youth state exchange meeting was held where youth participants got to know youth from different counties in Wisconsin and youth in Kansas.

The goal of this effort was to increase youth connection to 4-H, strengthen their leadership skills, build new friendships, and gain new knowledge.

- A training for adults who are interested in becoming 4-H volunteers, where adults learn what Extension is, how volunteers contribute to Extension programs, volunteer roles and responsibilities, what makes a quality youth development program, and what resources are available to 4-H volunteers. This effort is intended to prepare all future 4-H volunteers.
- A virtual training for the new 4-H Summer Camp counselor team and camp staff designed to promote team building and increase skills in leadership, planning, goal setting, resolving conflict, and lead activities.
- The scheduled April Conversation provided the opportunity for volunteers to learn the new summer covid guidance, brainstorm program planning ideas, network with other volunteers, and engage with the 4-H Program Educators.
- A work session with colleagues in Extension focused on developing a youth-friendly treasurers handbook. Identifying roles and responsibilities of 4-H Club Treasurers, establish a common understanding of definitions, tools, and expectations, and provide 4-H Club Treasurers with the information needed to keep accurate records.
- Development of 4-H art project curriculum for volunteer use. The goal is to help volunteers in identifying skill-appropriate art projects, youth-adult partnerships, opportunities to connect with the community, and related risk management.



Agriculture



Home gardener webinar on new plant varieties

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

A webinar was held for home gardeners, where they learned the new plant varieties available this year. The goal of the webinar was to educate participants to be able to successfully choose varieties that will do well in their gardens.

- A national presentation for women in agriculture where they learned strategies to increase their confidence and listening and communication skills during difficult conversations to strengthen family, farmer, and consultant relationships.
- An article for farmers on strategic thinking and planning. This effort was designed to encourage farmers to establish their values and use them to make decisions and craft their future.
- Development of a webinar on the agricultural market and growing season outlook for agribusiness professionals. This effort was designed to provide education on the effect of the changing climate on agricultural markets and risk management strategies available for farmers.
- Development of an article on common strategies to consider for fair versus equal inheritance during the farm succession process for farmers and agribusiness professionals. This effort was designed to increase the awareness of available farm inheritance distribution tools and strategies.
- Development of an article on how assets can be divided during the farm succession process for farmers and agribusiness professionals. This effort was designed to increase the awareness of the principles of distributive justice theory.
- Development/revisions of the bilingual Dairy Workers Training Skills modules for dairy employees where they will learn principles of and how to do each task on the farm. This effort is designed to support them in doing their daily tasks more confidently and efficiently while maintaining employee safety and animal welfare.



Community Development



Conversation about Vaccine Equity

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

Karina moderated the virtual program “Ozaukee Law Enforcement Address Citizen Questions on Racism and Biases” in March 2021. 151 participants joined the session to hear from local law enforcement and community partners. From evaluation, 92% responded that the session increased their understanding and awareness of Ozaukee law enforcement. 77% of respondents agreed that the session provided an opportunity to engage and connect with law enforcement and 80% indicated they would attend an interactive meeting with law enforcement on the same topic.

- A facilitated conversation about vaccine equity for the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department where community partners identified barriers to vaccine access, opportunities to increase vaccination rates in the communities with the greatest disparities, and address community questions and concerns. This effort was designed to share current vaccine rates and disparities, build and strengthen relationships with community leaders, and help formulate the vaccination outreach plan.
- A work session with colleagues in the Extension Housing Research Group focused on identifying and defining housing terms. This work will inform the development of a series of resources about housing intended to support Extension educators and the public in examining local housing needs and developing an appropriate local response



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What's Next/Upcoming Events

- May 1,4,11,13,18,20,25,27, 2021
 - [Rent Smart Training](#), Zoom, 7:00 pm.
- May 1, 2021
 - Youth Tractor Safety Certification Class, Virtual, 9:00 am.
- May 11, 25, 2021
 - [4-H Harbinger](#) newsletter published
- May 13, 2021
 - [WI Youth Livestock Seminar](#), Zoom, 7:00 pm., Topic: Meat Science Cookery
- May 20, 2021
 - 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, 6:00 pm., Fairgrounds Pavilion North
 - 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7:30 pm., Fairgrounds, Pavilion North
- May 31, 2021
 - Memorial Day holiday, Office closed

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