The Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to growing outstanding youth with marketable skills to succeed in today’s global society. 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. *Head, Heart, Hands, and Health* are the four Hs in 4-H which represent the four values members work on through fun and engaging programs.

- **Head** - Managing, Thinking
- **Heart** - Relating, Caring
- **Hands** - Giving, Working
- **Health** - Being, Living

Volunteers, 4-H agents and program assistants provide educational opportunities through 4-H clubs, special interest programs, enrichment programs, camps and afterschool programs for Kentucky youth. The county level program is the key in making a difference in the lives of local youth. Through input from the local 4-H Advisory Councils, programs are identified for the future.

**What’s New and What’s on the Horizon**

As counties prepare for the next Four Year Plan of Work, 4-H Extension Specialists in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment have gathered information related to initiatives and trends in 4-H Youth Development. They have already started identifying some program efforts for the future based on past, present, and future situations.

Below is a summary of programs that are being developed and planned for the future in Kentucky 4-H. **Additional programming efforts** will be added based on the need identification that occurs when agents meet with advisory councils and develop the County Plan of Work.

**Developing leadership and volunteer skills for community and civic engagement.**

- **4-H Teen Mentors** – a program/curricula guide designed to support older 4-H members in mentoring younger 4-H members will be adopted, adapted or created based on existing resources.
- A committee of agents interested in working on diversity and inclusiveness has been selected. This committee will identify resources available for teaching diversity/inclusivity to youth and provide training to agents on implementing these curricula (during Program Year 2015-2016)
- Citizenship Curriculum will be revised-efforts begin in fall 2015.
- New emphasis on Youth Adult Partnerships.

**Engaging in discovery, exploration, and understanding in science, engineering and technology.**

- Host National Youth Science Day (NYSD) experiments during National 4-H Week every October
- SET Teen Boards-State
- Biotechnology in-service (2015-16)
- Aerospace in-service (2015-16)
- SERIES: Fundraising For SET Programs, workshop (2015)
Bicycle Safety-review of curriculum and in-service training
- ATV Curriculum-review and application at county level
- Automotive program to be developed for teens.
- The Carteens program will be used as a resource for developing program for safe teen driving.
- Tractor Curriculum will be reviewed with enhanced program options at county and state level.
- Small engines program will be defined and in-service training will be offered.
- Lawnmower and safety program to be developed.
- Computer Technology for Kids program to be developed.
- Hour of Code Program to be piloted
- Micro-truck and Tractor Pulling Program- in process of being developed (2017 target date)

Enhancing **communications** skills through public speaking, demonstrations and **expressive arts**.
- State Fair Arts classes aligned with core curriculum Summer 2016
- State Fair Arts In-service Fall 2015
- Introduction of core curriculum with program plans with 6 lessons for:
  - Visual Arts 2016
  - Drama 2017
  - Music 2018
  - Dance 2019
- Written Communications Contest- 2016
- Film Making/Stop Animation Curriculum in-service Spring 2016

Adopting **healthy lifestyle choices** for overall well-being.
- Healthy Adventures for Teens In-service 2015
- Steps to a Healthy Teen In-service 2015
- Develop partnership with Southern United Dairy Association to implement Fuel Up to Play 60-2015
- Develop Healthy Living Mentor Program for county teens-2016

Creating awareness of the impact of **agriculture** on daily life and developing marketable skills for the future.
- Coordinating the adoption of a uniform Ag in the Classroom curriculum.
- Development of an ANR Workgroup to review curricular needs of Plant Sciences and Horticulture.

Practicing **stewardship in natural resources**.
- Develop Natural Resource Teen Board
- Participation in the National Youth Science Day (NYSD) related to environment and sustainability on an annual basis.
- NR In-service: The Dirt on Soil: Soils Education (2015-16)

Acquiring basic life skills related to **family and consumer sciences**.
- Child Care: *Kentucky 4-H Babysitting Basics 4 Fun and 4 Profit*—available for PY 2015-16.
- Consumer & Financial Education: looking for a replacement for *Consumer Savvy* series
- Fashion/Grooming/Image: Revision of *Fashion Magic as Project Fashion Forward*—to be available for PY 2016-17
- Fashion/Grooming/Image: Addition of *Laundry Knowhow*—expected to be available in PY 2017-18
- Food Preparation & Nutrition: available beginning
  - Food Science: What’s on Your Plate
  - Cooking 101-401
  - Teen Cuisine
  - Put It Up!
- Home Environment: revised versions available by PY 2017-18
  - Etiquette lesson plans—Spring 2015-16
- Textile Science—new project Fiber to Fabric Fun—expected to be available PY 2016-17
- Workforce Preparation—to be replaced or revised
- Paying for College—Webinar 2016

**Empowering adults for volunteer and leadership roles in the community.**

- Kentucky Volunteer Forum
  - February 11 – 13, 2016  Hyatt Regency Lexington & Lexington Convention Center
  - [https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/kentucky-volunteer-forum](https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/kentucky-volunteer-forum)
- Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Orientation
  - A series of narrated PowerPoint Presentations that orient certified and camping volunteers.
  - [http://www.ky.4honline.com](http://www.ky.4honline.com)
- Effective Councils 101 & 102
  - Three hour workshops, designed to orient and empower Councils to become effective, functional, goal-driven organizations.
  - Contact Ken Culp, III to schedule an Effective Councils workshop
- Volunteer Conference of Southern States
  - October 1 – 4, 2015 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, GA
  - [http://www.vcoss.weebly.com](http://www.vcoss.weebly.com)
- KELD (Kentucky Extension Leadership Development)
  - Series of 20 Fact Sheets, focusing on individual and organizational leadership development
  - [http://www2.ca.uky.edu/kccl/keld.php](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/kccl/keld.php)
- Kentucky Extension Volunteer Administration Handbook
  - A complete, self-contained resource for Extension Professionals serving in the role of Volunteer Administrators
  - [https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/sites/4-h.ca.uky.edu/files/extension_volunteer_handbook_4_7_15.pdf](https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/sites/4-h.ca.uky.edu/files/extension_volunteer_handbook_4_7_15.pdf)
- **Volunteer Kentucky!**
  - Series of six self-contained lesson plans in community volunteer administration
  - Designed to establish Extension as the premier volunteer development resources in Kentucky

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