Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Boone County. As the current economic situation continues to create challenges, educational programs focus on:

- **Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices** that influence health and well-being
- **Nurturing Families** as they cope with fewer resources and more demands
- **Embracing Life as We Age** to strive for independence longer
- **Securing Financial Stability** in a turbulent economic period
- **Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities** to recycle, reduce waste, and protect our environment
- **Accessing Nutritious Food** that is affordable, available and safe
- **Empowering Community Leaders** as we all work to sustain and improve our communities.

In 2010-2011, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made 10,991 contacts with Boone County individuals and families.

What do Boone County Extension Homemakers do best? Lead, serve, and share. BCEHA celebrated its 75th anniversary this year, offering leader-led projects, fundraisers, and classes that enabled members to log over 25,000 volunteer hours valued at approximately $534,000. Each year, funds are raised to support projects that include baby blankets for premature infants, cancer-care caps, lap quilts, walker bags, seatbelt pillows, and food/personal products donations. According to the American Cancer Society local chapter, in 2010 there were 1,150 individuals served as a result of efforts by BCEH. The VA Hospital received 1,084 items totaling $3,289 in value. Local food pantries received 365 cereal boxes. Homemaker leaders taught thirty-five classes this year, and four scholarships totaling $3,500 were awarded to students.
OUR FAMILIES

According to the 2010 Census,\(^1\) of families in Boone County with their own children…
- 74.9% are husband-wife families
- 25.1% are single parent families

In addition, there are:
- 43,216 households
- 17,483 households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- 1,901 grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
- 8,273 households with at least one person age 65 and over

As a result of participation in Boone County Extension programs:\(^2\)
- 342 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 70 people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
- 189 people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling and food preparation.

OUR ECONOMY

According to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-year estimates,\(^6\) between 2005 and 2009 in Boone County it is estimated that…
- 62.3% (+/- 1.8) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- 69.4% (+/- 4.2) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- 6.7% (+/- 2.1) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

As a result of participation in Boone County Extension programs:\(^2\)
- 484 people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- 516 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- 1,384 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

OUR COMMUNITY

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Boone County was $67,994.\(^3\)

The number of children in poverty in Boone County was 3,410 compared to 2,515 in 2006.\(^3\)

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Boone County is 10,664 in 2011.\(^4\)

As a result of participation in Boone County Extension programs:\(^2\)
- 731 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- 971 people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- 215 people developed skills to access affordable food.

As a result of participation in Boone County Extension programs:
- 731 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- 971 people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- 215 people developed skills to access affordable food.

Average Annual Unemployment Rate\(^5\)
(not seasonally adjusted)

SOURCES
\(^1\) U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census.
\(^3\) U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.
\(^4\) Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Databook, June 2011.
\(^6\) U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates.