Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Carroll 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 12,385 contacts with Carroll County individuals and families.²

Kentucky’s child obesity rate is double the national average, with the number of overweight children older than 11 among the highest in the U.S. To teach young parents how to provide healthy meals for their families, the Carroll County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent led a series of monthly nutrition classes. Parents learned to serve children healthy foods and be a role model of healthy behavior for their children. After attending, 90% feel more confident preparing a healthy meal; 65% learned new ways to prepare fresh vegetables; 74% learned to identify whole grain cereals and grains; 70% started drinking milk or increasing use of milk; and 60% participated in preparing meals with their children.
OUR FAMILIES

According to the 2010 Census,1 of families in Carroll County with their own children…

- 59.9% are husband-wife families
- 40.1% are single parent families

In addition, there are:

- 4,061 households
- 1,430 households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- 243 grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
- 980 households with at least one person age 65 and over

As a result of participation in Carroll County Extension programs:2

- 1,650 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 55 people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
- 860 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 Carroll County it is estimated that…

- 48.7% (+/- 5.9) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- 60.6% (+/- 14.9) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- 19.1% (+/- 7.8) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

As a result of participation in Carroll County Extension programs:2

- 30 people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- 35 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- 640 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

OUR COMMUNITY

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Carroll County was $43,862.3

The number of children in poverty in Carroll County was 669 compared to 591 in 2006.3

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Carroll County is 2,688 in 2011.4

As a result of participation in Carroll County Extension programs:2

- 62 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- 110 people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- 355 people developed skills to access affordable food.

Average Annual Unemployment Rate5
(not seasonally adjusted)

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1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census.

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