Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Todd 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 32,509 contacts with Todd County individuals and families.²

**Population by Age Group**¹

The 2010 U.S. Census reported total population in Todd County as 12,460.¹

**SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

**SECURING FINANCIAL STABILITY**

For most families, groceries are a major source of spending. Using coupons can substantially reduce food costs, if used effectively. To teach this money-saving skill, the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent presented “Couponing 101,” to 98 participants. Topics included planning; creating a master shopping list; finding and organizing coupons; coupon etiquette; store coupon policies; and stockpiling. In a post-class survey, participants reported saving an average of $171 over a three-month period, approximately $750 a year per family. All reported using coupons regularly to save money on their grocery bill and said they were saving an average of 17.5% on their weekly groceries. One person reported that using coupons had helped her family have extra money for gas.

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¹ U.S. Census Bureau
² Contact count includes all educational programs and activities.
According to the 2010 Census,¹ of families in Todd County with their own children…

- 69.1% are husband-wife families
- 30.9% are single parent families

In addition, there are:

- 4,647 households
- 1,673 households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- 288 grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
- 1,297 households with at least one person age 65 and over

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

- 94 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 160 people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
- 69 people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling and food preparation.

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

- 65 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- 19 people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- 15 people developed skills to access affordable food.

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Todd County was $38,678.³

The number of children in poverty in Todd County was 1,009 compared to 830 in 2006.³

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Todd County is 2,479 in 2011.⁴

According to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-year estimates,⁶ between 2005 and 2009 in Todd County it is estimated that…

- 50.3% (+/- 5.3) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- 60.8% (+/- 9.1) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- 21.8% (+/- 6.8) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

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

- 15 people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- 255 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- 450 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.