# **MENIFEE COUNTY**

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**OUR PEOPLE** 

# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY



## **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Menifee County. To help families make wise decisions our 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 2011-2012, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **10,885** contacts with Menifee County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup> Population projections by age group for Menifee County<sup>1</sup>



## SPOTLIGHT ON ...

# GET MOVING MENIFEE

enifee County rates of youth and adult obesity are on the rise. To promote healthy weight management choices, the Menifee County Family and Consumer Science Agent partnered with other local organizations to promote "Get Moving Kentucky" to county residents. The agent provided the program Weight the Realty Series which was held over 10 weeks. During this program the 40 participants learned about portion control, designing

a plan for weight loss, and nutrition information. After completing the program 20% of the participants lost more than 5% body weight, and 5% of the participants lost more than 10% of body weight. The participants did this by using obtaining handouts, healthy recipes which were sampled, and participating in a physical activity.





## **OUR FAMILIES**

According to the 2010 American Community Survey,<sup>3</sup> between 2006 and 2010 it is estimated that in Menifee County:

- 20.2% (+/- 10.4) families with related children were below poverty
- 21.0% (+/- 11.3) of those over the age of 65 were below poverty

#### In addition:

- 27.1% (+/- 2.5) of those ages 18-64 did not have health insurance in 2010<sup>4</sup>
- **155** children on average received Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) benefits in 2010<sup>5</sup>
- **1,878** people received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in 2012<sup>6</sup>

#### As a result of participating in Menifee County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

- **1,500** people reported spending time in physical activity.
- **330** people made food safety changes to improve health.
- **350** people increased knowledge of safe storage and handling of food.

## **OUR COMMUNITY**

In Menifee County:

- **74.0%** of births were to mothers who received early and regular prenatal care in 2009<sup>7</sup>
- 55.0% of ordered child support was collected in 2011<sup>8</sup>

Of the 2 primary care physicians in Menifee County:9

- 50.0% are family practice
- 0.0% are pediatricians
- 0.0% are OB/GYN

### As a result of participating in Menifee County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

- **100** people in Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud indicated they are more likely to buy Kentucky produce.
- **300** people implemented personal health protection practices.
- **392** people were able to utilize new decisionmaking skills for health.

# OUR HEALTH

According to Kentucky Health Facts,<sup>10</sup> between 2008 and 2010 in Menifee County:

- 20.3% (13.9 28.7) did not pursue health care due to cost, compared to 18% (17.0 18.6) in the state
- 29.6% (21.7 39.0) of adults reported their health status as less than good, compared to 23% (22.0 23.6) in the state
- 32.6% (24.8 41.4) of adults reported having received a flu vaccine in the past year

### As a result of participating in Menifee County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

- **320** people increased knowledge of diet and exercise changes to improve health.
- **280** people made diet or exercise changes to improve health.
- **320** people experienced a change in knowledge of healthy home practices and stress management.



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## http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies

# Health Snapshot: Menifee County<sup>11</sup>