Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Pike 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

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**EFNEP IN PIKE COUNTY**

Consistent with much of Kentucky and the country, Pike County has a high obesity rate and many residents are in need of basic food budgeting and nutrition education. As a result, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) was reinstated in Pike County in October 2012. In a nine-month period, 80 families graduated the 12-session program. Ninety-seven percent reported a positive change in their family nutrition because of EFNEP. In addition, 49 percent reported they are using food resources more wisely and 58 percent reported an improvement in overall diet quality and nutritional health. This means families and children are eating better and saving money in Pike County.
According to the 2007-2011 American Community Survey, in Pike County:

- **27.9% (+/- 3.1)** of families with children were below poverty
- **12.9% (+/- 2.4)** of those ages 65 and over were below poverty
- **21.3% (+/- 1.5)** of households had retirement income
- **10.0% (+/- 1.2)** of households had no vehicle

The USDA Food Environment Atlas indicates that in 2010, Pike County had **787** people, **223** children and **93** seniors with low access to a supermarket or large grocery store. In addition, **325** residents had both low income and low access to stores.

**FAMILY ACCESS**

**FOOD ASSISTANCE**

In Pike County:

- **5,208** was the average monthly number of children who received SNAP (food stamps) in 2011, up from **4,993** children in 2007 (up 4.3%).
- **65.0%** of students attending public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- There were **9,481** SNAP cases and the monthly SNAP benefit level was **$247.14**.

Pike County is served by God’s Pantry Food Bank of the Ky. Assoc. of Food Banks.

As a result of participating in Pike County Extension programs:

- **1,200** people demonstrated an increase in practical living skills.
- **2,311** people utilized healthy food delivery systems and access points.
- **226** people increased leadership knowledge and skills.

**COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY**

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

Median household income in past 12 months by age of householder in Pike County (2007-2011)

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As a result of participating in Pike County Extension programs:

- **410** people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling, and preparation of food.
- **636** people increased knowledge of healthy food consumption.
- **821** people reported eating more healthy foods.