Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Wayne 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 live independently longer
• **Securing Financial Stability** in a turbulent economic period
• **Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities** that 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 2013-2014, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made 29,119 contacts with Wayne County individuals and families.

The Wayne County FCS agent, FCS assistant, and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program assistant collaborated with the Ag and Natural Resources agent to present a Cooking Local series that included four hands-on classes and a local greenhouse tour. Each class focused on gardening, food preparation, and food preservation for different local fruits and vegetables. Of 132 participants, 100% said they learned something that they will use in food preparation, food preservation, and gardening. Many participants said they would shop at the local farmers market or at local farm stands and greenhouses. Some 95% of participants said they did not realize that Wayne County had so much to offer in terms of local produce and value-added products.

http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies
Housing has long been recognized as a basic human need. Yet, because housing is often a family’s largest expense and largest debt, it can be a stumbling block for many. Safe, lower-cost housing options are often limited for struggling families, and this can lead them into crisis. Family and Consumer Sciences Extension helps people improve home safety, lessen their environmental footprint, and strengthen financial stability. It also helps communities promote healthy lifestyles throughout the lifespan by supporting strong family home environments. Please tell us ways you think we can do more.

**AVAILABILITY**

In 2010, in Wayne County, there were…
- 2,386 renter households
- 6,260 homeowner households
- 203 vacant housing units for rent
- 123 vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, 81 children were homeless or were precariously housed in Wayne County.

**AFFORDABILITY**

According to American Community Survey estimates for Wayne County, in 2008-2012...
- 45.3% (+/- 8.7) of renter households paid 35% or more of their income for rent and utilities
- 26.6% (+/- 5.0) of homeowner households with a mortgage and 9.3% (+/- 3.5) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid 35% or more of their income for housing costs
- 57.8% (+/- 3.8) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- 27.7% (+/- 3.3) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, 26.9% (+/- 4.7) of residents in the county were living below poverty.

In 2013, residents needed to earn $10.87 an hour (or work 1.5 jobs at $7.25 an hour**) to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Wayne County.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

In Wayne County, it is estimated that in 2008-2012...
- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1977 (+/- 3 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1979 (+/- 2 years)

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey estimates in Wayne County...
- 5.7% (+/- 1.9) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- 26.0% (+/- 4.1) of workers living in Wayne County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and 2.1% (+/- 1.3) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled 25.1 (+/- 2.5) or more minutes to work

Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.