BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES
IN BUTLER COUNTY

OUR FOCUS
Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families throughout Kentucky. Our educational programs focus on making healthy lifestyle choices, nurturing families, embracing life as we age, securing financial stability, promoting healthy homes and communities, accessing nutritious food, and empowering community leaders.

OUR SUCCESS
In 2016-2017, Cooperative Extension made 24,153 contacts with individuals and families in Butler County.¹

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A HEALTHIER KENTUCKY
Making healthy lifestyle choices

Easy access to unhealthy foods, increased stress, and limited opportunities for physical activity all create challenges and barriers for Kentucky families in making healthy lifestyle choices. Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension programming through the University of Kentucky teaches families to improve health and well-being by choosing a nutritious diet, increasing health literacy to help prevent chronic diseases, or participating in regular physical activity. Our goal is to equip citizens with the knowledge, resources, and an environment where the healthy choice is the easy choice.

Number of farmers market locations by Kentucky county²

- 0 (7 counties)
- 1-2 (73 counties)
- 3-4 (34 counties)
- 5-7 (4 counties)
- 8+ (2 counties)
**Food Environment**

**OUR COUNTY**
- Butler County had 3 supermarkets and other grocery stores and 7 convenience stores or gas stations with convenience stores in 2015.³
- According to Map the Meal Gap, in 2015, an estimated 2,110 individuals were food insecure in Butler County.⁴
- Only 12.7% (39.7%-3.1%) of adults in Butler County consumed five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day between 2013-2015.⁵

**OUR RESULTS**
- 455 individuals made changes to their diet and began exercising to improve their health.¹
- 23 individuals took part in 30 minutes of physical activity five or more days a week.¹

**Physical Environment**

**OUR COUNTY**
- According to the CDC’s County Diabetes Atlas, 33.2% (40.3%-25.9%) of adults 18 years and older in Butler County were obese between 2012 and 2014.⁶
- The Diabetes Atlas also reports that between 2012 and 2014, 36.4% (44.3%-28.5%) of adults in Butler County reported no leisure-time exercise in the past month.⁶
- There were no fitness and recreation businesses in Butler County in 2015.³

**OUR RESULTS**
- 31% of the population in Butler County had adequate access to locations for physical activity in 2014.⁷

**Financial Environment**

**OUR COUNTY**
- The median household income in Butler County was $39,545 ($43,552-$35,538) in 2015.⁸
- In Butler County, 388 was the average monthly number of infants and children assisted by WIC* in 2013.⁹
- In 2015, there were 2,365 SNAP/food stamp recipients.¹⁰
- 20.5% (+/-6.9%) of people age 65 and over were below poverty between 2011-2015¹¹ and 28.9% (35.3%-22.5%) of children ages 5-17 in families were below poverty in 2015.⁹
- Between 2011 and 2015, 6.4% (+/-3.2%) of full-time/full-year workers were below poverty.¹¹

**OUR RESULTS**
- 11 individuals adopted short, mid- and/or long-term financial planning strategies.¹
- 11 individuals became more knowledgeable regarding ways to secure financial stability.¹
- Extension is involved in 4 healthy lifestyle coalitions.¹

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**SOURCES:**
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⁵ Kentucky Health Facts. (www.kentuckyhealthfacts.org)
⁷ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2015 County Health Rankings. (www.countyhealthrankings.org)
⁸ 2015 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov/programs-surveys/aipe.html)
⁹ Kids Count Data Center. (datacenter.kidscount.org)
¹⁰ Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, December 2015. (chfs.ky.gov/dcs/data_book.htm)
¹¹ 2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau (factfinder.census.gov)
¹² Margin of error: (+/-26%-37%)

* WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.