

Building Strong Families

IN METCALFE COUNTY



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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 2018-2019, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made

4,402
contacts with
individuals and
families in
Metcalfe County.

SPOTLIGHT: METCALFE COUNTY

The Mind-Body Connection for Teens



Metcalfe County's FCS Extension agent compiled a four-unit curriculum called The Mind-Body Connection for Teens. The focus of this pilot are eighth- and 12th-grade students because of the stressful transitional nature of those grades. Participants increased their awareness of personal stressors and how their bodies are affected by and react to the stressors. They also learned sleep requirements for their age group and learned stretching, deep breathing, meditation, and ergonomics exercises that are simple to practice and combat all forms of stress. Metcalfe students indicated transference of knowledge and skills with practical application and expressed value for the stress awareness and management experiences.

METCALFE COUNTY'S EXTENSION PROGRAMMING COMMUNITY IMPACT

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension professionals actively work to reach our goals by offering educational programs that serve to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our commonwealth.

Metcalfe County's FCS Extension programming in 2018-2019 led to the following results.



868youth participated in local Extension programming.



4,349
volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers.



individuals made healthier eating choices.



2,801miles were walked by program participants.



in EBT, WIC, or senior benefits were redeemed at farmers' markets.



participants reported making positive behavior changes.

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