

Building Strong Families

IN SPENCER 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

18,682

contacts with individuals and families in Spencer County.

SPOTLIGHT: SPENCER COUNTY

High School Cooking and Nutrition



Learning to cook as a teenager is a skill one can use throughout their lifetime. In the past couple years, society has gotten away from teaching younger generations this skill set because of prepackaged foods, fast food, and overly busy lifestyles. This is why the 4-H agent, Agriculture agent, FCS Extension agent, and program assistant partnered with the Spencer County High School FCS teacher to provide cooking and nutrition classes. Once a month, Spencer County's FCS Extension would plan and teach a cooking and nutrition lesson that would include a SNAP-Ed recipe, MyPlate information, and cooking instruction (handwashing, knife skills, measuring skills, cooking and baking directions). The FCS teacher reported that students are more invested in the foods they eat since taking the class and that they are volunteering to cook meals at home.

SPENCER 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.

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



594

parents improved skills that will strengthen families.



2,130

individuals made healthier eating choices.



1,083

volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers.



365

families supplemented their diet with healthy foods they produced or preserved.



1,966

participants reported making positive behavior changes.

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