

**University of Kentucky** College of Agriculture, Food and Environment *Cooperative Extension Service* 

# Building Strong Families

## IN ALLEN 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 2019-2020, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made

### 369,369

direct and indirect contacts with individuals and families in Allen County.

## SPOTLIGHT: ALLEN COUNTY Diabetes education the tasty way



The Allen County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent partnered with the Allen County Health Department and The Medical Center at Scottsville to present National Dining with Diabetes. The program included four sessions that addressed Living Well with Diabetes, Carbs and Sweeteners, Fats and Sodium, and Vitamins, Minerals, and Fiber. The agent invited people who have diabetes or prediabetes or family members of those living with the disease. Participants made and tasted three healthy recipes per class session. They also learned healthy cooking techniques, observed models representing blood with high cholesterol and glucose levels, and identified healthy and unhealthy plates based on sodium and fat content. Three months after the program, 86% reported feeling more confident in their ability to manage their diabetes or help a loved one.

#### **ALLEN 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. Allen County's FCS Extension programming in 2019-2020 led to the following results.



youths participated in local Extension programming





miles were walked by FCS program participants



volunteers reported actively practicing leadership skills



participants used strategies that reduced financial expenses



participants reported gaining knowledge

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