

## Building Strong Families

### IN HICKMAN 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

**29,835** 

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

**SPOTLIGHT: HICKMAN COUNTY** 

# Extension Day Camp in a Box improves family quality time



On March 16, 2020, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service began a quick transition to remote working conditions because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hickman County office quickly looked for ways to continue programming and reaching youths and families in our community. We created two day-camp boxes: one called Extension Explorers and the other titled Extension Day Camp in a Box. The Extension Explorers box was geared toward youths in preschool through second grade, while the Extension Day Camp in a Box was for third grade and older. Camp activities covered each Extension program and was designed for optimal family involvement and engagement. The parents or caregivers of the program participants reported that they learned about flower and vegetable gardening and are now making healthier lifestyle choices. They also reported that they are engaging in more quality time together.

### HICKMAN 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.

Hickman County's FCS Extension programming in 2019-2020 led to the following results.



1,382
youths participated in local
Extension programming



863
individuals made healthier
eating choices



\$7,000 increase in sales because of Plate it Up!



volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



968
participants reported
making positive
behavior changes



960
participants reported gaining knowledge

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