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

# Building Strong Families

### IN JEFFERSON 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

## 58,086

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

### **SPOTLIGHT: JEFFERSON COUNTY**

# Money management help for limited-resource families



Nearly 70% of consumers live paycheck to paycheck, and only a quarter of Americans feel informed about managing household finances. Families and individuals who struggle with limited resources need guidance to effectively manage their decreasing resources. The Community Action Partnership, an agency of the Louisville Metro government, asked the Jefferson County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent to partner with them in conducting a money management series for their clientele. Topics included making a budget, tracking your spending, paying bills on time, and working with creditors. After completion of the series, 87% of participants reported having set financial goals with more than 50% tracking their spending and setting up a written budget.

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









lifestyles were improved through a focus on proper nutrition



participants used knowledge and skills to improve food shopping management

> 2,750 participants reported making positive behavior changes

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