

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

# Building Strong Families

### IN MENIFEE 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

53,065

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

#### **SPOTLIGHT: MENIFEE COUNTY**

# Programs to-go targets families to develop life skills



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing guidelines from our state and national public health entities, Extension had to cancel many in-person programs in the spring and summer of this year. To adapt to these changes, the Menifee County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent and 4-H agent created several programs "to-go" which we packaged and placed in front of the office for families to pick up and take home to complete. The programs we created included Spring Cleaning, Personal Finance, Earth Day, Mother's Day, Farmers' Market, Beginner Sewing, Father's Day, and many more. Each program was targeted toward families and helping them develop a variety of life skills. All participants reported that they would be interested in receiving more programs to-go in the future.

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



166participants adopted one or more positive food selection practices





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



individuals made healthier eating choices



participants reported

making positive behavior changes

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