

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

# Building Strong Families

### IN WHITLEY 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

## 296,907

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

## SPOTLIGHT: WHITLEY COUNTY Program creates junior chefs



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of chefs and head cooks is projected to grow 11% from 2018 to 2028. Children can learn the basic skills needed in this profession early in life. They consist of cooking basic foods, being a safe food preparer, and learning how to identify proper foods for meals. The Whitley County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent and Nutrition Education Program offered the SuperStar Chef summer cooking camp for children ages 9 through 14. Participants were taught skills on how to cook basic foods, how to identify measuring, and healthy lifestyle choices. After the program, all participants reported that they could identify healthy foods, that they planned to drink more water every day, and that they planned to eat more fruits.

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



1,674 youths participated in local Extension programming





participants made lifestyle changes to improve their health



making positive behavior changes



volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



2,335 participants reported gaining knowledge

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