KENTUCKY COUNTY PROFILES

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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 2020-2021, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made

1,378 direct and

369,369

indirect contacts with individuals and families in Allen County.

SPOTLIGHT: ALLEN COUNTY

'Keys to Embracing Aging' helps seniors during COVID-19



Health and safety-related decisions that individuals and families make across the lifespan directly affect the overall well-being and the ability to age well. After speaking with the director of the Scottsville Senior Center, who stated that the seniors missed their usual activities and social time together, the Allen County FCS Extension agent partnered with the center to offer Keys to Embracing Aging. The programming included weekly challenges and self-taught lessons through "grab and go" newsletters. Sixty-three people received the weekly newsletter program, and 12 participants completed program preevaluations. Most participants reported regular healthy lifestyle practices across all 12 "keys." Almost two-thirds, 64%, of participants reported an improvement with stress management, and 55% reported improvement with engaging in meaningful social activity and financial management.

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 2020-2021 led to the following results.



1,424

volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



72 individuals made healthier eating choices



150

recipe cards distributed throughout the community



104

participants reported gaining knowledge

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