### KENTUCKY COUNTY PROFILES

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# Building Strong Families

### IN BOURBON 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

**5,651** direct and

6,325

indirect contacts with individuals and families in Bourbon County.

### **SPOTLIGHT: BOURBON COUNTY**

# Kindergarten classes sample fresh veggies during Nutrition Month



Each year, the Bourbon County Extension Homemakers offer a nutrition education program titled Peter Rabbit - What's a Rabbit to Do? to every kindergarten class in the county during March, Nutrition Month. This year, the Bourbon County FCS Extension agent worked in partnership with the local Homemakers to develop a method of offering this same program to all 2021 kindergarteners and still follow COVID safety guidelines. During the programming, we read the story to the class, we act out the skit, and students sample vegetables from a local garden which included carrots, cherry tomatoes, celery, cucumbers, cauliflower, and broccoli. The program was presented virtually in 10 kindergarten classrooms with a total of 310 student participants. After the program, teachers reported 90% of the students tasted the vegetables, with 70% eating all of their samples.

# BOURBON 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.

Bourbon County's FCS Extension programming in 2020-2021 led to the following results.



296

youths
participated in local
Extension programming



88

individuals sought support from local community organizations



173

individuals made healthier eating choices



249

participants had intentions to make lifestyle changes to improve their health



672

volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



847

participants reported gaining knowledge

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