

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

KENTUCKY COUNTY PROFILES

Building 2022 **Strong Families**

IN BOYLE 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

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In 2020-2021, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made

5,336 direct and 34,029 indirect contacts with

individuals and families in Boyle County.

SPOTLIGHT: BOYLE COUNTY

Communities explore solutions to addiction crisis



Substance use and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) are pervasive public health problems in the United States. In Kentucky, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, counties have seen increases in hospitalizations, infectious diseases, nonfatal overdoses, and other complications related to drug use, all while leading the nation in incidence of hepatitis C. In response to these growing problems, the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) leader training system, the Boyle County FCS Extension agent, along with seven other county agents offered an evening addiction education session for local communities. Agents convened community leaders and stakeholders to discuss the nature of the addiction crisis and explore solutions. The local county prosecutor, treatment providers, and even individuals with lived experience joined a panel discussion to help participants better understand addiction, stigma, and available resources.

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



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