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# Building Strong Families

### IN HARDIN 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

**11,628** direct and

21,561

indirect contacts with individuals and families in Hardin County.

### **SPOTLIGHT: HARDIN COUNTY**

# Walktober event logs 16 million steps



After noticing that trails and physical activity events seem to slow down after school goes back in session, and then again once the fall season hits, the Hardin County FCS Extension Office decided to offer the Walktober Challenge. The intent was to encourage individuals to continue getting their normal summer steps in throughout fall, or more. We posted on social media to promote the event. More than 75 community members (77) participated and logged almost 16 million steps, an estimated 7,942 miles. Many participants reported that the challenge motivated them to walk more than they usually would, one participant reported that because of the walking, she has been able to stop taking three different medications. All participants were interested in doing more challenges in the future.

# HARDIN 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.

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



708

youths
participated in local
Extension programming



41,028

volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



267

individuals made healthier eating choices



\$500

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



\$40,000

saved as a result of FCS's Financial Education Program



347

participants reported gaining knowledge

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