### KENTUCKY COUNTY PROFILES

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# Building Strong Families

### IN MENIFEE 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

**2,591** direct and

33,527

indirect contacts with individuals and families in Menifee County.

### **SPOTLIGHT: MENIFEE COUNTY**

# Food preservation demonstration videos help hundreds



The COVID-19 pandemic presented many challenges for our county programs. Making programming virtual increased food insecurity and increased demand for self-sufficiency skills such as home food preservation. To address this need, the Menifee County FCS Office offered food preservation demonstration videos. We posted two videos demonstrating the process of canning and freezing green beans to the county's FCS Facebook page. The freezing demonstration video detailed the preparation of beans before freezing, the blanching process, and the importance of using freezer-safe supplies for produce. The pressure canning video demonstrated how to use a research-based recipe and how to use a pressure canner and basic canning supplies to produce safely canned food products. The videos received a total of 819 views and 86 likes.

# MENIFEE 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.

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



295

volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



83

individuals made healthier eating choices



21

participants used access points that offered healthy foods



48
participants had intentions to try new foods



35

participants reported gaining knowledge

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