### KENTUCKY COUNTY PROFILES

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# Building Strong Families

### IN WASHINGTON 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

**1,531** direct and

99,462

indirect contacts with individuals and families in Washington County.

### **SPOTLIGHT: WASHINGTON COUNTY**

# Wellness Day teaches teens self-care



The COVID-19 pandemic impacted many aspects of life, including the physical and mental well-being of the students in the Teen Leadership program within Washington County. Students experienced negative stress because of online school and lack of in-person social interaction. To address these issues and promote positive well-being, the Washington County FCS Extension agent, in partnership with the 4-H Youth Development agent and School Gifted and Talented coordinator, organized a Teen Leadership Wellness Day. The Teen Leadership program traditionally focuses on leadership development, career opportunities, and learning about the community. This was the first Wellness Day for the program that was focused on the students' well-being and self-care. After the program, participants reported understanding the importance of physical wellness and their ability to increase their wellness through exercise and good sleep.

# WASHINGTON 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.

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



214

youths
participated in local
Extension programming



1,000

recipe cards distributed throughout the community



120

adult volunteers



1,363

volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



82

adults were reached through volunteers

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