The 4-H Youth Development Program is the youth outreach program from the land-grant universities, Cooperative Extension Services, and the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). 4-H emphasize the importance of young people being engaged, well-informed citizens.

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CSUE 4-H seeks to make a difference in your life!

Central State University Extension (CSUE) 4-H Youth Development offers a youth development experience for all youth ages 5-19. CSUE 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

CSU Extension 4-H programs align with the national 4-H mission mandates focusing on Science, Healthy Living and Citizenship. Diverse opportunities are offered to youth to develop social, citizenship, healthy living, leadership, volunteerism, and critical thinking skills.

CSUE 4-H Youth Development will grow Ohioan youth to develop through our signature programs like Discovery Day Camp, Seed To Bloom Ag-STEM Institute, and Research and Extension Apprentice Program (REAP) for all youth to develop new skills, become leaders, and help shape their communities.

Central State University Extension’s 4-H Youth Development program focuses on delivering educational programs that are culturally sensitive to help address developmental needs that are critical to the personal and social assets to facilitate positive youth development. Program participants engage in age-appropriate hands-on activities which promote leadership, communication, and collaboration while increasing their knowledge in science, technology, engineering, agriculture, and mathematics (STEAM) and a variety of other topics.

To learn more about how you can implement a 4-H Youth Development program in your area, contact your local CSU Extension County Agent:

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Empowering Youth Through 4-H Experience

Addressing the Issues:

CSUE 4-H youth development programs target vulnerable populations including minorities in inner-cities and underserved rural communities. Our focus is to provide positive youth development programs to create a pathway for Ohioan youth to grow and bloom into responsible citizens and caring adults.

4-H S.T.E.A.M Youth Development In-School & After School Program: Program created to reach out and work with Ohio’s youth in many cities and rural areas to provide opportunities for youth to develop skills. It builds upon a century of 4-H experience as it fosters positive youth development that is based on the needs and strengths of youth, their families, and communities.

Discovery Day Camp: Designed for youth in Pre K to grade 5, this program introduces kindergarten and elementary school kids to science and agriculture with fun activities.

Seed To Bloom Ag-STEM Institute: Addresses the need for youth to be well informed and understand the importance of agriculture and the role it plays to provide food and fiber for humanity.

Research and Extension Apprentice Program (REAP): Designed for youth in grades 9 –12. It prepares youth for the challenges of the 21st century by engaging them in latest technological advances in agriculture, life sciences, family, and consumer resources management and human development.

Benefits of participating in CSUE 4-H Youth Development Programs:

- Have fun
- Meet new people
- Learn and do new things
- Gain life skills
- Build self-confidence
- Practice responsibility
- Set and achieve goals
- Are empowered with the skills to lead for a lifetime
- Receive recognition for efforts & accomplishments

4-H’ers are ....
2X more likely to give back to their communities;
2X more likely to make healthier choices;
2X more likely to participate in STEM activities (National 4-H Council).

Program Details

- Our programs target youth from all ethnic, racial, and socio-economic backgrounds who live in rural, suburban, and urban communities by helping them develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will enable them to become productive and contributing members of society.

- As Ohio State’s 1890 Land-Grant University, Central State University (CSU) Extension will provide positive youth development expertise and resources in research and evaluation, professional development, learning, and engagement to young people and adults.

- CSU Extension faculty and staff guide dynamic, non-formal, educational program delivery and engage adult volunteers who serve as club or project leaders or sit on committees and boards.

Programming areas focus on:
- 4-H S.T.E.A.M Education
- Healthy Living
- Citizenship and Civic Engagement
- Urban Gardening
- Special Interest Projects, and many more...