# **KANSAS 4-H LEARNING PATHWAY**

From exploration to hands-on-skill building, young people can find their way to success in life and career. This pathway guides the benefits of learning-by-doing by growing a career-ready generation.

LEARN



"I MIGHT LIKE TO DO THIS."

Youth who explore a variety of interests before high school, through experiences like 4-H camps and educational events, can develop early interest in a career path and improve their academic performance.

# "I CAN DO THIS."

4-H project-based learning, guided by adult volunteers, improves youth understanding of skills and concepts, as well as their ability to problem-solve and collaborate.

## **"I'M INTERESTED IN THIS."**

PRACTICE

Youth who have participated in sustained hands-on learning and engaged with professional mentors and volunteers before entering high school are more likely to explore studies and potential career paths.

#### "I WILL BE THIS."

Real-world application is key. 91% of Kansas 4-H members have a plan for reaching their goals. Youth that have been active participants in hands-on learning, combined with strong decision-making skills are more able to effectively navigate life.

EXPERIENC

# **POSSIBLE STOPS ON THE 4-H PATHWAY**

Hands-on activities, educational events, field trips, day camps, afterschool programs, school enrichment, overnight camps and guest speakers



Curriculum workbooks, self-guided learning, volunteer-lead learning, collaborative learning, goal setting, educational events and problem solving

**Project exhibition & display** public presentations, peer-to-peer teaching & learning, local & state project leadership, citizenship and service, record keeping, science & agriculture challenge, judging contests, skill-a-thons/quiz bowls



Project evaluation, interviews, resumè building, job shadowing, social networking, industry connections, civic engagement, state 4-H conferences & trainings, recruitment & scholarships, higher education opportunities

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