



4-H Youth Development : Get To Know Your Resources



In Kansas 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America's largest youth development organization — empowering nearly 6 million young people across the U.S. and over 88,000 youth in Kansas with the skills to lead for a lifetime. This document is built to help you uncover the resources built to support Kansas 4-H, our clubs, volunteers, youth, mission, and more.

Inspire Kids to Do

Explore

"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.

Learn

"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.

Practice

"I'm interested in this."

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.

Experience

"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.

Starting Out *Beginner*

Get Involved

Members and volunteers new to 4-H can use this section to explore the basics of 4-H and projects. A great starting point, but also a great refresher for experienced 4-H members

Examples of Documents:

- New family Guide
- Becoming a Volunteer
- Project Overviews

kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs

Learning More *Intermediate*

4-H Club Corner

4-H leaders and members can learn more about expanding their role here. Documents help guide club activities and management.

Examples of Documents:

- 4-H Greet Sheet
- Club Leaders toolbox
- Enhance a Club Meeting

kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/club-corner

Expanding Horizons *Advanced*

Events and Activities

4-H doesn't end at the club level, 4-H'ers can use this section to explore expanding their 4-H experience horizon.

Links on this page:

- Camps
- Conferences and Events
- Fairs
- Global Citizenship
- National/Regional Events
- Volunteer Trainings

kansas4-h.org/events-activities/

Kansas 4-H Youth Development

State and Regional Staff

State and regional staff members provide leadership in all things 4-H. From project support, volunteer development, and overall 4-H coordination and logistics. The link below will provide you with who these staff members are and each of their respective specialties. kansas4-h.org/about/staff/

PEARS Reporting

"If a program isn't evaluated, then it didn't happen!" Evaluation of your programming is a very important part of extension. KSRE uses the PEARS reporting system. Short for "Program Evaluation and Reporting Systems". The 4-H Youth development PFT is the leader for youth development programming action plans and help. Find those resources below. k-state.edu/oeie/pears/

Disability Accommodations and Accessibility

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4-H Learning Pathway



4-H Promotion Resources

Brands are about relationships: Using the KSRE/4-H wordmark will help strengthen the impact of the 4-H program in Kansas. Since October 1, 2017, the co-wordmark is required on ALL 4-H marketing and publishing materials, including print, digital, apparel and merchandise. This requirement applies to all designs created at the local, county, district, area and state levels. For more details and clarification, please read the entire KSRE/4-H Co-Wordmark Policy. Always showcase the relationship of 4-H to K-State Research and Extension, whether it is visually through logos and brand identity, or verbal and written references through television, radio, YouTube videos, press releases, etc.

The 4-H learning pathway is our model for youth development. The pathway guides us in creating meaningful learning experiences.

4-H Resources for Staff	Professional Development	Professional Organizations	Curriculum and Resources
<p>Miss a webinar or training? Looking for a deeper dive into a statewide resources? This is a good place to start. The staff resource page contains a large amount of information to help guide agents and their 4-H program</p> <p>Ex. of Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas 4-H Tips Sheet • 4-H Staff Resources • 4-H Problem Solving • 4-H Insurance Policy • 4-H Online V2 staff info • 4-H Policy • 4-H News Bank <p>Kansas4-h.org/resources/</p>	<p>Ongoing professional development is one of the keys to long term success within our organization. This page contains links to many opportunities for Agent and Positive Youth Development learning.</p> <p>Ex. of Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PYD Guiding Documents • PYD Training Resources • PYD National Partners • 4-H Framework • Journal of Youth Development • Journal of Extension <p>• Kansas4-h.org/resources/</p>	<p>KAE4-HA Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents. National: NAE4-HYDP</p> <p>KS-JCEP Kansas Joint Council of Extension Professionals National: JCEP</p> <p>ESP-Alpha Rho Kansas Extension Professionals' Organization National: ESP</p> <p>ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/</p>	<p>Kansas Clover Classroom Challenge pages to help motivate or inspire youth that are looking to grow in a project.</p> <p>4-H.org The national 4-H store provides a nearly one-stop shop for current 4-H curriculum, professional development, and marketing tools.</p> <p>4-H Club Corner A resource of guides and tools to assist club leaders, both youth and adult, in club operations.</p> <p>Kansas4-h.org/resources/</p>

