



Ohio State University Extension's educational programming originates from disciplinary expertise in youth development, agriculture and natural resources, community development, and family and consumer sciences. This content expertise provides the academic foundation for a variety of programs and is combined in an interdisciplinary way to impact some of the more complex issues facing Ohioans.

Extension's interdisciplinary efforts are currently focused around Advancing Employment and Income Opportunities, Enhancing Agriculture and the Environment, Preparing Youth for Success, and Strengthening Families and Communities. These focus areas guide the alignment of OSU Extension resources and provide the framework for reporting the impact of our programming efforts.

ADVANCING EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

Innovation and entrepreneurship will drive Ohio's move to the knowledge economy. OSU Extension is uniquely positioned to help. Extension's economic, small business, and job development programs are tailored to local community needs in every county, whether metropolitan, rural, or a combination.

ENHANCING AG AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Ohio's diverse agricultural, horticultural, and forestry industries contribute more than \$82 billion to the state's economy every year. OSU Extension assists with technology, marketing, and educational support advancing Ohio's position in the global marketplace. OSU Extension also works to enhance and sustain the environment and natural areas in the state, balancing economic advancement with environmental sustainability.

PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS

As Ohio's economy continues the shift from an industrial to a knowledge base, its young people and volunteers supporting them need advanced skills to be successful. OSU Extension, through 4-H and other youth focused efforts, provides resources and support for volunteers who deliver programs focused on critical issues affecting youth. Educational programs foster a practical understanding and application of science, technology, engineering, math and other life skills that will lead to a more prepared young person pursuing a post-secondary education or entering the workforce.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Key to sustaining and building Ohio's high standard of living is the health and economic strength of families and communities. OSU Extension teaches people how to apply practical information to their daily lives in order to make informed choices about everything from finances to healthy living to community issues.



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

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