

# 4-H FOR FAMILIES

## What 4-H Does for Families

4-H slogan:  
"Learning by  
Doing"



### 4-H TEACHES FAMILY CITIZENSHIP:

- 4-H members are encouraged to be good citizens by carrying a part of the load.
- 4-H helps youth learn how to make good decisions.
- In 4-H, youth share their skills with other people by participating in community service activities.
- 4-H is a hands-on way of learning responsibility and the power of working together.
- Parents can teach their children that they have something valuable to offer by showing respect for the child's interests and work.

### 4-H FAMILIES CAN:

- Share learning experiences
- Support each other
- Connect with the community
- Develop common interests
- Create a sense of togetherness
- Appreciate each other's differences

### 4-H PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS KEY TO A CHILD'S SUCCESS!

By supporting the learning of their child, parents ensure the best growth experience possible. Working with the 4-H club, the projects and the leadership of a local program shows a child that the adult cares and is willing to give time and energy. Children need strong adult role models in all aspects of their lives.

### 4-H ENCOURAGES FAMILY LEARNING:

While working together, families model good decision making, help children build self-esteem and gain skills that will last a lifetime. Parents help their children investigate possibilities. They make wise choices together based on interests, skills, and resources.



4-H Motto:  
"To Make the  
Best Better"

### 4-H IS BASED ON SOUND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES:

Work being done by the Search Institute, the Carnegie Corporation, the Academy for Educational Development and other organizations find that children today need:

- Safe environments
- A sense of ownership and belonging
- To discover self
- To discuss conflicting values and to form their own
- Time to develop a sense of self-worth by making meaningful contributions in the home and community
- A chance to develop a sense of pride and accountability, which comes with mastering skills
- To enjoy and know that success is possible.

### 4-H SUPPORTS FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS:

In a busy world, children may be pulled in one direction and parents in another. 4-H provides a common experience that keeps families talking together about positive growth experiences. Research shows that children and youth often share the values of their parents and grandparents and look to them when making important decisions in their lives.

