Youth Safety Newsletter Article

Keeping the children and youth in the 4-H program is one of the most important things that we do. In order to assure the safety of the youth in our programs the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has instituted a new Youth Safety Policy. The policy is similar to what 4-H has always been doing. Key issues include:

* making sure that staff and volunteers working with 4-H’ers have been screened to make sure that there is no history of abuse or neglect
* all 4-H’ers have access to first aid and CPR treatment in the case of accidents
* youth will not be alone in one-on-one situations with unrelated adults
* all adults will be using common sense measures to assure the safety of the youth in their care

Parents can be assured that the adults working with their children have the best interest of the child in mind as they mentor and lead 4-H programs.