

# Building Strong Families

#### IN BUTLER COUNTY



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#### **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)
Extension is committed to improving
the health and well-being of individuals
and families throughout Kentucky. Our
educational programs focus on making
healthy lifestyle choices, nurturing families,
embracing life as we age, securing financial
stability, promoting healthy homes and
communities, accessing nutritious food,
and empowering community leaders.

#### OUR SUCCESS

In 2019-2020, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made

69,953

direct and indirect contacts with individuals and families in Butler County.

#### **SPOTLIGHT: BUTLER COUNTY**

### A lost art



In today's society, basic life skills such as sewing have become a lost art. The Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent started teaching sewing classes eight years ago after interest from several youths during the summer. "Sewing is a discipline that helps develop self-esteem, confidence, focus, patience, fine motor skills, problem solving, process thinking, and visualization," one participant said. All youth participants stated they learned a new skill. Adult classes started soon afterward covering the use of sewing machines. Classes have continued with individuals creating mug rugs, hot plate trivets, purses, luggage bags, quilts, wall hangings, and more. Participants have enjoyed the classes so much so that one participant started a community sewing group, and as a group, they have made more than 100 quilts in three years.

### BUTLER COUNTY'S EXTENSION PROGRAMMING COMMUNITY IMPACT

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension professionals actively work to reach our goals by offering educational programs that serve to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our Commonwealth.

Butler County's FCS Extension programming in 2019-2020 led to the following results.



1,262 pints of food were preserved



983
individuals made healthier
eating choices



\$250 increase in sales because of Plate it Up!



2,075
volunteer hours were reported
by FCS Extension program
volunteers



1,456
participants reported making positive behavior changes



385
participants reported gaining knowledge

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