



Building Strong Families

IN SIMPSON COUNTY

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

SPOTLIGHT: SIMPSON COUNTY

Virtual 5K in May draws 600 participants



Low levels of physical activity, unhealthy nutrition, and poor mental health are all determinants of several chronic diseases. FitBlueKY, a smartphone-based application, is a four-week walking challenge focused on increasing participants' participation in regular physical activity, choosing a nutritious diet, and improving health outcomes for Kentucky citizens. As an innovative strategy to improve mental health and increase movement, the Family and Consumer Sciences Cooperative Extension implemented the "5K in May," the goal being to finish a virtual 5K race at the end of the month. More than 600 Kentuckians registered for the challenge, with 32 participants crossing that 5K finish line for the first time.

SIMPSON 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.

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



1,241

youths reached
through volunteers



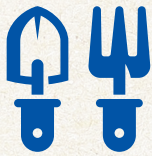
700

participants used
access points that offered
healthy foods



7,258

volunteer hours were reported
by FCS Extension program
volunteers



205

local families
grew a garden this year



269

individuals made healthier
eating choices



250

participants gained
financial management
knowledge

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