

Bringing Knowledge to Life

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

OSU Extension brings knowledge to life ... Extension makes your life better

A unit of The Ohio State University and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, OSU Extension has offices in all 88 Ohio counties. We have been described as real people with real solutions who deliver the knowledge of the university directly to you in your community. The Extension Family and Consumer Sciences program is an integral part of the College of Human Ecology, drawing on the research and expertise of the Departments of Consumer Sciences, Human Development and Family Science, and Human Nutrition.

■ Our past and present

For more than 100 years, we have been known for our efforts to promote healthy people, healthy relationships, and healthy finances. This will continue. Once we were called Home Economics with a focus on helping families meet their needs within the home. Today, in keeping with the changes in society, our focus is broader. Extension Family and Consumer Sciences programs help Ohioans address a range of issues, including aging and transitions to retirement, bankruptcy and debtor education, childhood obesity, reducing health-care costs through diet and exercise, universal design, safety of food served to the public, and training of child-care providers.

■ For the future

Our programming focus will be on contributing to the well-being of individuals, families, and communities in three targeted areas:

- Health and Wellness.
- Fostering the Development of Human Capital.
- Financial Stability and Security.

We will offer agencies, organizations, schools, and businesses training for their professional staff in our areas of expertise.

We will reach out to those who, lacking the knowledge or skills to make informed choices, may not be successful. Lost productivity and higher social costs will be reduced as a result of our efforts.

■ OSU Extension educators and faculty collaborate

with other campus and community partners to address broader issues, utilizing their particular specialization expertise. A holistic approach is needed to improve the quality of life, provide access to goods and services, and build educational access across the state and beyond. You will see these collaborations develop in the areas of:

- Enhancing Education Capacity.
- Strengthening Communities, Neighborhoods, and Families.
- Enhancing Food and Health.
- Creating Jobs through Entrepreneurship.

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