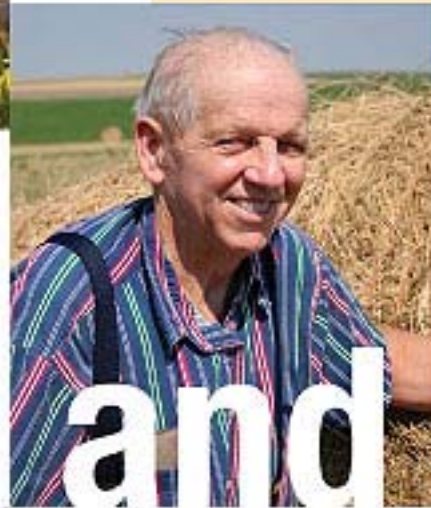


# PROGRAM PLAN

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BARTON COUNTY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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**Barton County**  
**2006 – 07 County Program Plan**  
**Overview**

*“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”* – Mahatma Gandhi

It is the vision of University of Missouri Extension to improve people's lives through relevant lifelong learning.

University of Missouri Extension is your local link to the University of Missouri campuses and to a nationwide network of land-grant universities. Education that meets high-priority needs is our focus. MU Extension uses science-based knowledge and engages people to understand change, solve problems and make informed decisions. Extension is funded through federal, state and county tax dollars. In addition, grants, contracts, fees and private gifts support our educational program efforts.

**County Extension Council.** In Barton County, our volunteer advisors – members of the county extension council -- play a vital role in identifying community needs; providing counsel to regional and campus faculty about educational programs and personnel; and assisting in finding resources to support the local educational program. The extension council is statutorily created to work with the University of Missouri in carrying out the local extension program (*Sections 262:550 to 262:620, Revised Statutes of Missouri*).

**Plan of Work Process.** During fall 2005, University of Missouri Extension embarked on a five-year plan of work process by conducting statewide needs assessments, which included:

- A random-sample telephone survey with 1,005 Missourians;
- Conversations on economic development in 16 locations;
- Conversations with extension councils in every county, including the voices of the Barton County Extension Council; and
- Conversations with the eight regional extension councils.

The campus Program Directors also reviewed research literature and demographic and economic trends and identified emerging issues for educational programming.

To ensure that the input was representative, we also conducted discussions among underserved audiences across the state. As a publicly funded institution, University of Missouri Extension is responsible for serving diverse populations and for providing access to educational programs for all. Special efforts will be made to reach underserved audiences as identified in the following program descriptions.

Results of all the needs assessments have been reviewed by state and regional extension specialists, extension administrators and county extension councils to determine program directions for the future. The ultimate goals are to determine extension program needs statewide and, on the county level, to match those needs with appropriate, limited resources.

**2006 – 07 County Program Plan.** After careful consideration of educational needs and available resources, the regional faculty serving Barton County plan to provide the programs listed in the following pages to residents of Barton County during 2006-07. The names of specialists slated to deliver the programs and intended program outcomes on a statewide level are indicated. Given limited resources, it is not possible to deliver programs for all the needs identified during the plan of work process. When possible, we will work with you and others on campus and in the community to find additional resources and plan for ways to deliver needed programs in the future. In some instances, needs may be referred to other agencies, organizations or educational institutions that are better equipped to meet those needs. With your support and the support of the Barton County Commission, every effort will be made to meet high-priority needs and to deliver programs that enhance the lives and livelihood of the residents of Barton County.

Thank you for all you do to support extension programs in Barton County.



## **2006-07 Barton Program Plan Executive Summary**

The following educational programs are planned for citizens of Barton County in the coming year. In some cases, Barton County residents may need to travel to a nearby county to take advantage of the program offering.

### ***AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ANR)***

#### **Program Name: Annie's Project**

Program Description: Annie's Project teaches farm women about computer and internet use to improve their record keeping and decision making skills. In a hands-on environment, women familiar with computers are paired with women who have little or no computer skills. Women with little farm experience are mentored by women with years of experience. Specifically participants are trained to use spreadsheets to improve their decision making abilities and/or lend support to decision makers of the farm operation.

Personnel: Mary Sobba, Wayne Prewitt, Wesley Tucker, Jay Chism

#### **Program Name: Private Pesticide Applicator Training**

Program Description: The Private Pesticide Applicator Training (PPAT) Program at the University of Missouri involves the initial training and recertification of Missouri's approximately 24,000 private pesticide applicators.

Personnel: Jay Chism

#### **Program Name Forage Production and Management**

Program Description: The Forage Production and Management program covers the largest agricultural industry in Missouri. This program endeavors to teach Missouri's 90,000 forage producers to better manage their forage resources for improved economic return while protecting the environment.

Personnel: Gordon Carriker, Patricia Miller, Thomas Hansen, Jay Chism

#### **Plant Protection in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Program Description: This program will use multiple delivery methods to reach the primary target audiences of agricultural producers, commercial applicators and homeowners. The program will cover the fundamental concepts of the proper pest control (weeds, diseases, insects...) including pest identification, scouting, handling understanding pesticide labels,

pesticide regulations, calibration, pest identification, safety, storage and IPM. The major overriding goal for the program is to improve the program participants knowledge regarding safe and environmentally sound pesticides selection, use and storage.

Personnel: Jay Chism

**Program Name: Home Horticulture and Environment**

Program Description: This program is designed to provide home gardeners with research-based horticultural information. Through Master Gardener training, youth education (Garden 'N Grow), workshops, demonstration plantings, newsletters, press releases and other methods, gardeners will gain information that will allow them to reap the benefits of maintaining healthy turf, ornamental, fruit and vegetable plantings while being good stewards of the environment.

Personnel: Gaylord Moore, Patricia Miller, Jay Chism

**Program Name: Missouri Grown**

Program Description: While the farm lifestyle is an important part of Missouri's social fabric, it is becoming increasingly difficult for families to remain on the farm. In order for small farms to remain economically viable, producers must shift to higher value crops. Through workshops, newsletters, field days, grower conferences and other methods, potential growers such as existing row crop and horticultural crop producers will receive information that will allow them to be successful in growing and marketing high value crops such as tomatoes, melons and small fruits.

Personnel: Gaylord Moore, Patricia Miller, Jay Chism

**Program Name: Dairy Production Systems**

Program Description: The dairy extension program involves providing current information to clientele in the area of : dairy nutrition; dairy cattle facilities and management; farm expansion; labor management; improved dairy cattle genetics; improved dairy cattle health; dairy cattle waste management; reproductive health and management and dairy records. A sustainable infrastructure is critical to the success of dairy businesses.

Personnel: Stacey Hamilton, Tony Rickard

**Program Name: Equine**

Program Description: The MU EQUINE MO Program is aimed at horse owners in Missouri, and also serves those with other equine species (e.g. donkeys or mules). The program deals with feeding, deworming, training, breeding and other production and management issues.

Personnel: Dona Funk

**Program Name: Sheep & Goat Production**

Program Description: Impact resulting from the Sheep and Goat Production System will benefit Missouri citizens from knowledge, skills, practices and policies that enhance the economic viability and profitability of participating Missouri producers.

Personnel: Amie Schleicher, Dona Funk, James Humphrey

**Program Name: Energy Conservation, Efficiency & Alternatives**

Program Description: The Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Alternatives Plan of Work addresses priorities identified by counties including, utilization of biofuels, alternative liquid fuel sources, and renewable energy. It specifically aims to help agricultural producers get the information needed to adopt biofuels, to help producers consider alternative cropping systems that will supply biomass for consumers who wish to utilize clean renewable alternative fuels, to help innovators to adopt energy alternatives such as wind and solar for rural buildings, and generally to promote responsible management of energy through energy conservation, energy efficiency, and adoption of alternative and renewable fuels.

Personnel: Jeffrey Barber

**Program Name: Master Gardener**

Program Description: The Master Gardener program provides in depth horticultural training to individuals throughout Missouri and who then volunteer their time applying what they have learned to help others in their communities to learn about gardening.

Personnel: Gaylord Moore, Janet Lafon, Patricia Miller, Jay Chism

**Program Name: Show-Me-Select**

Program Description: Programming areas will address a range of learning needs and include:

- \* Knowledge of principles involved with breeding/mating decisions that will result in improved genetics of heifers retained for breeding purposes
- \* Knowledge of herd health management that will improve biosecurity of farms and ranches involved in the cow-calf enterprise
- \* Knowledge of improved methods of reproductive management that include estrus synchronization, artificial insemination, and embryo transfer
- \* Knowledge of nutritional management of replacement beef heifers that is important to long-term production and reproductive efficiency\
- \* Knowledge of economics related to replacement beef heifer development and marketing
- \* Knowledge of proper animal identification that will support on-farm record keeping and contribute to biosecurity and product traceability

Personnel: Dona Funk, Elissa Good, Roger Eakins

**Program Name: Premier Beef**

Program Description: The initial goals of the program were to educate small-herd beef producers in the concepts of value-based feeder calf marketing and to institute regional feeder calf marketing alliances.

Personnel: Dona Funk, Theodore Cunningham

***BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (BD)***

**Program Name: Starting a Business: The First Steps**

Program Description: This three-hour offering will provide you with an overview of the critical first steps associated with starting a business. It is designed specifically for those who are thinking about a new business venture.

Participants will assess their strengths and weaknesses in terms of business ownership, learn about the importance of planning, discuss legal and regulatory requirements and identify sources of funding.

Discussions are facilitated by business counselors who will help you examine your individual situation, explore opportunities and discover new ideas. You'll learn from other participants and have a host of valuable resources available to you.

Personnel: Verna Lorton

**Program Name: Small Business Development Counseling/Coaching**

Personnel: Verna Lorton

***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD)***

**Program Name: EXCEL – EXperience in Community Enterprise and Leadership**

Program Description: EXCEL, an EXperience in Community Enterprise and Leadership, is a process for community leadership rather than a prepackaged program. What distinguishes EXCEL from other approaches to leadership development is its high degree of flexibility, local control, inclusiveness, and focus on the future of community governance. Communities investing in an EXCEL program can expect to see new and younger people running for public office, more involvement in community activities and organizations, improved community appearance, and boards and commissions functioning more smoothly. A community should allow 6 to 12 months for planning and organizing an EXCEL program. Ongoing support and assistance is provided by a local University Extension specialist or another technical assistance provider. Membership is

limited to about 30 participants per class to ensure that an active and effective learning experience occurs.

Personnel: Janet Lafon, Jerry Davis, Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Community Emergency Management**

Program Description: The Community Emergency Management Program provides a program of resources, personnel and educational programs and materials to support the mission of the Governor's Disaster Recovery Partnership (established 1993) and develop the capability to assist communities and citizens in all areas of emergency management. The program, in partnership with the Fire Rescue Training Institute, provides educational programming and technical assistance to federal, state and local entities, professional and non-profit organizations, businesses and educational institutions.

Personnel: Jeffrey Barber, Robert Schultheis

**Program Name: Vision to Action: Take Charge Too**

Program Description: The Community Action Planning program is designed to enable groups, organizations, and communities to develop a vision, identify priorities, develop an action agenda, and successfully develop and implement programs and projects. The program is based on a curriculum called Vision to Action Take Charge Too. The program provides a structure for the development of ongoing processes that enable leaders and community members to collectively vision, plan, and implement their futures.

Personnel: Jeffrey Barber

**Program Name: Community Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Development**

Program Description: CEED (Community Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Development) has been developed out of a renewed interest in economic development and entrepreneurship on the part of the University and Extension, and comprises a fresh approach in particular to rural community revitalization through a special partnership between the University of Missouri Extension and the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI). CEED is a cross-disciplinary program to stimulate entrepreneurial communities and foster a climate of entrepreneurship locally, regionally and statewide. CEED seeks to:

- Facilitate entrepreneurship as an economic development strategy
- Work in selected settings to develop models of excellent entrepreneurial community practice
- Enhance capacity and effectiveness of community members to support entrepreneurship
- Help communities respond to the needs and plans of their entrepreneurs
- Build on existing Missouri collaborations, and foster new cooperative efforts on the University and community level
- Develop advanced entrepreneurship skills among Extension specialists

- Share knowledge and learning that encourages the enhancement of local economies and quality of life through entrepreneurial efforts.

Personnel: Jeffrey Barber

**Program Name: Alianzas**

Program Description: Latinos have come to Missouri to work and to find educational opportunities for their families. Challenges facing these new immigrants include language and cultural differences and low-pay employment. Communities with increases in Latino populations also have challenges. For example, schools must refocus their resources to students that do not speak English; social services must find shelter and health care for families; communities receiving immigrants need help in learning about cultures that are new to them.

Personnel: Beverly Maltzberger, Don Miller, Virginia Hopp

**Program Name: Cambio de Colores**

Program Description: Cambio de Colores focuses on some of the issues that Missouri confronts as a result of demographic changes reflected in 2000 Census. The Cambio de Colores Conference does this as it:

1. Assesses the changes brought about by the presence of new Latino urban and rural settlers in every region of Missouri.
2. Connects those with a research interest in Hispanic issues with the people, organizations, and communities that can benefit from their research.
3. Provides a forum for the professional development of people working with the Hispanic community.
4. Focuses research resources on understanding the challenges presented by Hispanic immigration to Missouri.
5. Provides forum for sharing the results of research being conducted in Missouri.
6. Coordinate the development of educational resources at the University of Missouri that is addressing the educational needs of Hispanics in Missouri.
7. Informs the research agenda for those interested in studying issues related to Hispanic immigration in Missouri and the Midwest.
8. Forum for sharing relevant scholarship and best practices and identifying the knowledge and service gaps that need addressing.

Personnel: Virginia Hopp

**Program Name: Southwest Region News Service**

Program Description: Southwest Region News Service uses local Extension faculty to inform the public of programs and issues impacting our communities, families, farms, homes and businesses. Subscribe now and receive a free weekly e-mail of news specific to southwest Missouri. This involves the production of a weekly e-mailed package of media releases, 2 regular

weekly newspaper columns, various special assignments, an active website with surveys and work with various media organizations and newspapers.

Personnel: David Burton, Jay Chism, Jeff Barber, Tamara Roberts

## ***HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (HES)***

### **Program Name: Successful Aging**

Program Description: The Successful Aging program will provide educational resources to support successful aging and to strengthen the aging family

Personnel: Roberta Jenkins, Tamara Roberts, Virginia Hopp

### **Program Name: Aging In Place**

Program Description: Helping older Americans live safely and independently in their homes as long as possible, and well as helping the next generation proactively plan for their long-term housing needs. Resources and guidelines are developed for educators to teach Universal Design concepts and strategies to enable independent living for those with disabilities and to promote aging in-place.

Personnel: Jeffrey Barber

### **Program Name: Rent Smart**

Program Description: This program is a teaching guide designed to be the core of a community tenant education program. Rent Smart stresses information that can help participants succeed as tenants and avoid confrontations and legal hassles. The program includes guidelines and worksheets for participants and uses role-playing exercises to train participants in conflict resolution as part of responsible renting.

Personnel: Janet Lafon, Jeffrey Barber

### **Program Name: Parenting the Second Time Around**

Program Description: A workshop series for grandparents, relatives, and others who are parenting again.

Personnel: Virginia Hopp

### **Program Name: Building Strong Families**

Program Description: The Building Strong Families: Challenges and Choices program helps families build strengths, face challenges, and make choices.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts, Virginia Hopp

**Program Name: Family Meals**

Program Description: The Family Meals program addresses the positive outcomes of health, finances, and relationships that can occur when families consume meals together.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Workshops on DESE Pre-K Standards**

Program Description: Missouri's "Build Better Child Care" program improves child care quality via research-based educational workshops that focus on developmentally – appropriate strategies for getting along with children and arranging learning environments.

Personnel: Virginia Hopp

**Program Name: New Staff Orientation**

Program Description: Missouri's "Build Better Child Care" program improves child care quality via research-based educational workshops that focus on developmentally – appropriate strategies for getting along with children and arranging learning environments.

Personnel: Renette Wardlow

**Program Name: Healthy Start**

Program Description: Healthy Start is a comprehensive preschool health education curriculum that helps children learn how to make important decisions about nutrition, physical activity, safety, hygiene, smoking and drugs, and sun-safety. Healthy Start is based on current theories of how children learn and how learning influences behavior. It was designed to accompany a variety of state-approved early childhood curricula, such as High Scope, Project Construct, and Creative Curriculum. Healthy Start has been successfully implemented in Head Start and other childcare centers across the country—benefiting the children, families and childcare center staff.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Indoor Air Quality**

Program Description: Indoor Air Quality aims to increase awareness among consumers and help to improve the quality of indoor air in homes. Basic, but comprehensive information is presented to consumers on how to influence their indoor air quality. Primary focus is given to indoor air hazards that typically affect indoor health, including aspects related to moisture, biologicals, combustion, formaldehyde, radon, household products, furnishings, asbestos, lead, particulates, remodeling byproducts and secondhand smoke.

Personnel: Jeffrey Barber

**Program Name: Food Preservation**

Program Description: The food preservation program will answer consumer questions and teach safe food preservation techniques. Opportunities for food preservation programming happen

sporadically throughout the state. Extension will deliver food preservation lessons based on safe food handling research.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Money Action Plan**

Program Description: A curriculum to address the need for financial management education. A train-the-trainer curriculum, targeting helping professionals who are working with people having money problems. Includes seven modules: introduction to money management, developing a spending plan, record keeping, credit, communication about money, insurance and consumer issues. Each module includes background information as well as activities, handouts and worksheets for one-on-one or group settings

Personnel: Janet Lafon

**Program Name: Women's Financial Issues**

Program Description: The Women's Financial Education Series (WFES) is a multi-session workshop that helps women to: Improve money management skills, Increase current levels of financial knowledge, Develop confidence in decision-making abilities, Gain control over lives by taking control over their finances

Personnel: Janet Lafon

**Program Name: Financial Success**

Program Description: The Financial Success debtor education program will help you:

- Meet your bankruptcy education requirement
- Improve your financial management skills
- Get more from your money

Personnel: Janet Lafon

**Program Name: Financial Security for Later Life (FSL)**

Program Description: Financial security is the ability to meet future needs while keeping pace with day-to-day obligations. Preparing for retirement and potential long-term care costs takes planning, saving, and debt control. This Cooperative Extension initiative seeks to help people improve personal finance behaviors leading to financial security in later life, enhance the capacity of local educators and their partners to deliver effective programs, and increase economic vitality and quality of life for families and communities

Personnel: Janet Lafon

**Program Name: Estate Planning**

Personnel: Janet Lafon

**Program Name: Jump Into Action**

Program Description: Jump Into Action is an educational program for fifth graders designed to reduce the increasing development of Type 2 Diabetes in elementary aged children by improving their knowledge, self-efficacy, and behaviors regarding Type 2 diabetes prevention.

Personnel: Terry Egan, Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Family Nutrition Program**

Program Description: FNEP is nutrition education for individuals and families. Nutrition educators meet participants in homes, schools, and at agencies.

Children learn all this and more:  
Trying new foods is fun!  
Healthy food from the start, comfort food for life;  
Physical activity is fun; do what you like best;  
Food safety means better health;  
Health means lots of energy to play and learn

Personnel: Brenda Shannon, Tamara Roberts, Teresa DeFord Petefish, Terry Egan

**Program Name: Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program**

Program Description: The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is a nutrition and physical activity program targeted to limited resource audiences. This program provides education in homes and community settings. Program participants receive 6-12 lessons over the course of the program. The primary audience for EFNEP is adults.

Personnel: Melissa McKarus, Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Family Nutrition Program**

Program Description: The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) is a nutrition and physical activity education program targeted to limited resources audiences. This program provides education in schools, community settings, and through media campaigns. The average participant receives six lessons. The primary audience for FNP is youth and the adults who support them.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Stay Strong, Stay Healthy**

Program Description: Stay Strong, Stay Healthy is an eight week strength training program for middle-aged and older adults. The program's goal is to improve health and quality of life. The program incorporates warm-up exercises, strengthening exercises, and cool down stretches. Over the eight weeks participants learn exercises to improve strength and balance.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Dining with Diabetes**

Program Description: Eat Well, Be Well with Diabetes (Dining With Diabetes) is a four-session series that provides people with type 2 diabetes, their family and friends, with tools for the self-management of diabetes. The series focuses on nutrition, the cornerstone of diabetes management, but also reviews other self-management strategies that can help individuals avoid diabetes complications. Food demonstrations and tasting are included.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Health for Every Body**

Program Description: Health for Every Body is a multi-session workshop designed to move adults away from diets to a non-diet or health promotion approach to living in a healthy body. Using a variety of educational strategies individuals gain new attitudes, learn new information and develop new skills related to appreciating self and others, healthful eating, and active living.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts

**Program Name: Relatives As Parents**

Program Description: The Relatives As Parents Program will provide families and professionals information and skills to strengthen families in their relationships, interactions, and communications. In addition to direct education for relative caregivers and professionals, MU Extension will continue its efforts through the Missouri Grandparent/Kinship Caregiver Coalition and Relatives as Parents support groups throughout the state.

Personnel: Virginia Hopp

**Program Name: Home Buyer Financial Education**

Program Description: In order to be eligible for Community Commitment mortgages, first-time home buyers must participate in eight hours of home buyer education conducted by a nonprofit organization that has educators with a minimum of 5 years of family financial education experience and a strong supporting academic background. Experienced University of Missouri Extension Family Financial Education specialists are well positioned to deliver this training.

Often, home ownership is one of the first steps for family financial stability and security. Participants, to date, are primarily underrepresented audiences for Extension.

- \*All are limited resource borrowers with incomes at 80% of median county income or less

- \*One-third of those attending are minorities

- \*More than 80% of those participating are young adults between the ages of 18 and 40. Many have young children in the home.

Personnel: Janet Lafon

**Program Name: School Wellness**

Program Description: Educate teachers and resource staff about ways that they can comply with the new wellness policies. This program will help educators implement a school wellness policy.

Personnel: Tamara Roberts

***4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT***

**Program Name: Physical Activity and Recreation**

Program Description: A33 Healthy Lifestyles - As the saying goes, “when you have your health, you have everything!” Health is the fourth “H” in the 4-H Clover and a common topic for youth today. Nutrition, physical fitness and emotional well-being are just some of the health issues that contribute to healthy lifestyles for all individuals. Under this activity, youth and adults are provided with resources for interactive activities that promote health for youth. Youth can learn about healthy lifestyles, learn about themselves, and have fun!

Personnel: Jerry Davis

**Program Name: Program Management**

Program Description: Through workshops, volunteer forums, leadership roles and web-based instruction, state and county extension faculty will help adult and youth volunteer leaders gain knowledge and skills to communicate, manage programs, design and deliver education events, develop interpersonal skills and create environments that promote positive youth development.

Personnel: Jerry Davis

**Program Name: Developing Youth Leaders**

Program Description: 4-H youth Leadership roles - 4-H youth ages 8-18 participate in leadership roles on county, regional, and state levels. 4-H youth hold club offices, participate on county councils, as well as community boards and committees. Regional opportunities include Southwest Regional Representatives, 4-H camp program and camp counselors. 4-H youth have the opportunity to advance in state leadership programs, State 4-H Teen Conference, State 4-H Congress, and State 4-H Council.

Being a leader is a complex responsibility. 4-H camps are conducted by cooperating groups of counties. Over its 100 year history, the purpose for 4-H camp programs remains the same; to assist young people in developing knowledge of life skills, and attitudes that will help youth become more productive and contributing adults. 4-H curriculum is designed in ages and stages forming positive Leadership and personal development. Through the appropriate stages youth learn leadership skills by working with groups, building personal leadership skills, life skills, leadership for the future and educational computer software of virtual communities.

Youth Service - Community service – Being a member of 4-H provides awesome opportunities to be involved in your community! The possibilities are endless! 4-H Youth from all parts of

Missouri reach out to neighborhoods with a helping hand and personal touch that comes directly from the heart of the 4-H youth development program.

Awards and Recognition – The Missouri 4-H youth Recognition program provides a variety of individual awards to meet the diverse needs and interests of today's youth. Awards recognition is provided by the following: participation building self confidence, progress toward personal goal setting, achievement of standards, peer competition, cooperation, and group recognition. Examples of Awards and recognition would include 4-H card or pin, certificates of participation, completed project and recognition forms, blue, red and white ribbons, Missouri 4-H Standards of excellence club seals, 4-H Key Award, I Dare You Award, 4-H Community Service grants, and County, Regional and State Fair exhibits.

Personnel: Jerry Davis

**Program Name: Promoting Youth and Adult Partnerships**

Program Description: Youth-Adult Partnerships is an emerging program area that interconnects 4-H youth development with community development. As an application of community youth development, youth-adult partnerships:

- \* recognize youth development is a key part of rebuilding communities, and that every member of a community has a part in creating a healthy community.
- \* view youth as assets to their communities as much as adults, and place youth in equal roles with adults in planning, implementing, and evaluating programs that shape their development, as well as the development of their communities.
- \* create opportunities through 4-H for young people to learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills through shared leadership with adults and youth in community settings.

Youth-adult partnerships may involve youth and adults together in leadership development, philanthropy, entrepreneurship, community mapping, civic activism, and/or governance.

Personnel: Jerry Davis

**Program Name: Animal Science and Technology - Food Animal Projects**

Personnel: Gary Naylor, Jerry Davis, Karla Deaver

**Program Name: Information Science and Technology**

Program Description: Adult staff and volunteers will facilitate youth ages 5 to 19 to learn through project curricula, camps and educational events knowledge, skills and application of information sciences.

Program staff will facilitate learning through curricula, workshops and conferences to help parents, caregivers, volunteer leaders and staff of other youth serving organizations to gain skills to promote children's and knowledge, skills and application of informational sciences.

Personnel: Jeffrey Barber, Robert Schultheis

**Program Name: Building Character**

Program Description: Show-Me Character\* is a program that teaches young people to make wise ethical choices. It also encourages adults to become more involved in helping youth develop positive character traits, such as trustworthiness, fairness, respect, caring, responsibility and citizenship. Communities certainly benefit when youth and adults understand the importance of being involved as caring citizens and “doing the right thing.” Effective character education encourages youth to “do the right thing” by incorporating these core ethical values in their daily lives.

Personnel: Jerry Davis

**Program Name: Community Partnerships for Sustaining 4-H Youth Development**

Program Description: Establishing 4-H fee system for community partnerships. Intended Audiences Community Organizations.

Personnel: Jerry Davis