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Dear County Commissioners, Elected Leaders, and Friends of MU Extension and Engagement,

As I reflect on the past year, I am struck by the remarkable progress we have made together. MU Extension continues to deliver on its mission of linking the University of Missouri with every community across our state, ensuring that Missourians have access to the knowledge, resources, and partnerships they need to thrive.

Through the dedication of our faculty, staff, councils, partners, and advocates, MU Extension continues to make a measurable difference across Missouri. Last year, we had more than 1.5 million educational contacts and generated more than \$1 billion in economic impact. Building on that momentum, your support also helped secure a \$5 million recurring increase in state funding. This important milestone is already being invested in people, programs, and facilities to strengthen agriculture, improve health and well-being, support local economic development, and prepare youth for leadership through 4-H.

We have also adapted to new realities. Even as the sunset of federal SNAP-Ed funding forced hard choices, our commitment to delivering nutrition and health programs to families in need has not wavered. We are expanding investments in rural health, civic leadership and community development to address the priorities Missourians tell us matter most. We are also aligning our work with university, state, and federal priorities to maximize impact, whether in rural healthcare, agricultural innovation or workforce development.

Our strengths remain clear: people, programs, and partnerships. From nearly 6,000 4-H volunteers to county council members, master gardeners, and master naturalists, Extension thrives because of the dedication of those who serve. Our trusted, research-based content was accessed nearly 2 million times and downloaded more than 76,000 times last year, and innovative programs, from soil testing to urban revitalization initiatives, continue to meet Missouri's evolving needs.

Thank you for your continued partnership. MU Extension belongs to all Missourians, and together we will keep building resilient communities, fostering innovation, and preparing our state for the future.

With appreciation,

Chad Higgins, PhD
Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement
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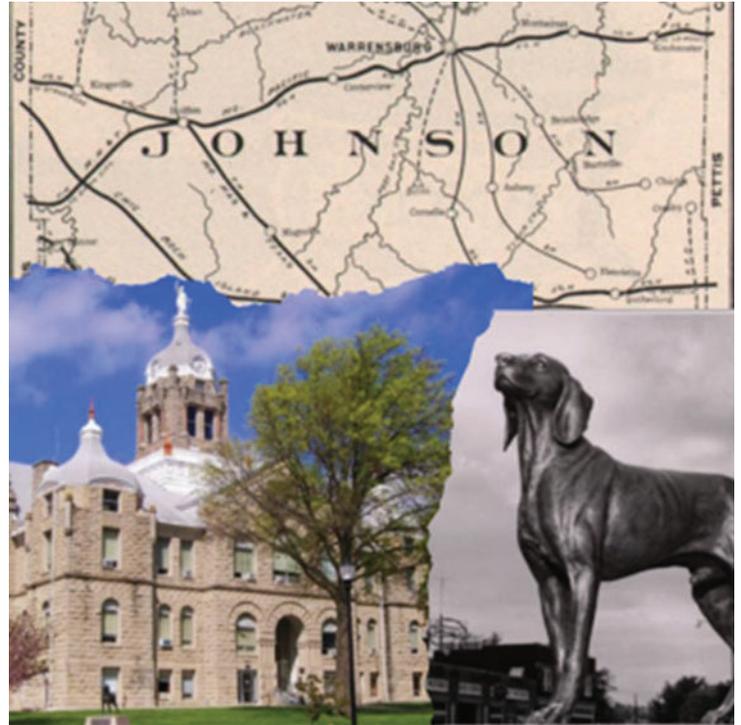
Appropriations Budget

Income	
County Appropriations	85,000
Total Income	18,041
Expenses	
Salaries/Benefits	66,637
Travel	3,456
Telephone	3,000
Office Supplies/Service	4,564
Insurance	1,800
Capital Repairs	3,600
Total Expenses	90,171

Return on Investment

University System	100,000
Donations	14,000
Program Revenue	4,087

Johnson County Partners



MU Extension is a Unique Funding Partnership.

Extension funding is a three-way partnership of federal, state and county government. Federal and state money, through the University of Missouri system, pay professional staff salaries, training costs, computers and communication equipment. County funds support the local office, secretarial and youth assistant salaries, staff mileage and council expenses.

The Johnson County Extension Council, faculty and staff would like to express our appreciation to the Johnson County Commissioners for their continued support of extension programs.



Local Support

Did you know you can donate directly to Johnson County Extension with a gift to be used immediately or as an endowment contribution for long term efforts. Monies put into the endowment are left forever to earn interest with the county office benefiting each year. You can also direct your donation to a specific program such as 4-H or Master Gardeners.

UM SYSTEM COUNTY IMPACTS

MU Extension in Johnson County Community Impact Report

This report offers a detailed overview of how MU Extension positively impacts Johnson County, showcasing the meaningful ways local engagement supports residents. It includes data on the number of students, employees, retirees and alumni affiliated with the University of Missouri System, along with the healthcare and extension services provided over the past year.

In addition, the report highlights the broader contributions of the UM System across Missouri in key areas such as education, research, healthcare, economic development and public service. It features metrics like job creation, financial aid distribution, research investment, healthcare access and broadband expansion.

This report is a valuable resource for understanding the measurable benefits the UM System brings to Missouri communities. It supports informed decision-making, advocacy efforts and strategic planning by illustrating the tangible impact of university-driven initiatives at both the local and statewide levels.

[Access your county's Impact Report.](#)



GRAND CHALLENGES

Grand Challenges

The Grand Challenges — Economic Opportunity, Educational Access, Health and Well-being, and Agricultural Stewardship — represent the most pressing issues facing Missouri communities. They are important because:

By focusing on these challenges, MU Extension in (your county) can better leverage university resources, data and partnerships to empower people to improve their lives, businesses and communities.

This report presents localized data and insights in how MU Extension in (your county name) is addressing these challenges. Each section breaks down county-specific statistics compared to state averages.

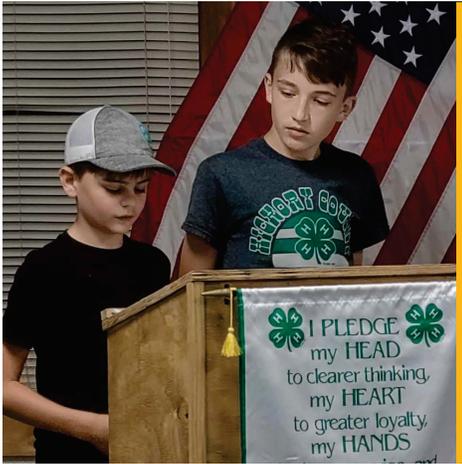
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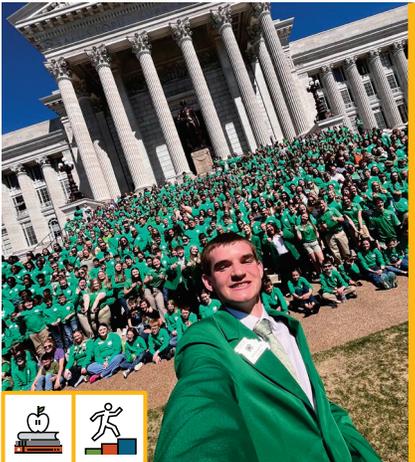
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Missouri 4-H for Ages 8 – 18



Community clubs are at the heart of 4-H. Led by trained volunteers, members come together regularly to learn, lead, and serve. Youth elect officers, enroll in projects, and plan hands-on activities that build leadership, teamwork, and responsibility. Some clubs focus on a single project—like photography or livestock—while others explore a variety of topics throughout the year.

SPIN (Special Interest) **clubs** provide a short-term way to dive deep into a specific topic with expert guidance. These clubs meet for several weeks to a few months, giving youth flexibility while developing skills to be Beyond Ready for life.



4-H's Leadership and Civic Engagement programs foster understanding, confidence, and decision-making skills to empower young people to become informed and active citizens. These initiatives prepare youth to become future leaders by engaging them in programs where they have voice and influence.

Statewide programs such as the **Missouri State 4-H Council** and **Civic Engagement Ambassadors** give youth opportunities to represent their peers, advocate for issues that matter, and build connections with leaders across Missouri. These experiences help young people grow as confident communicators and thoughtful problem solvers, ready to lead wherever life takes them.



Missouri 4-H is igniting curiosity and cultivating innovation through 4-H Powered STEM. From robotics and coding to environmental science and engineering, youth engage in hands-on learning that makes science come alive.

4-H STEM programs build problem-solving skills, spark discovery, and prepare the next generation of innovators and leaders. Every young person—no matter where they live or learn—has access to high-quality science experiences that open doors to future opportunities and help them become Beyond Ready for the challenges of tomorrow.

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Missouri 4-H

Local Impact



From the beautiful scenery of Midwest Missouri to the fun conversations with fellow train riders and friends, a trip across the state is bound to make memories! Aboard the Amtrak River Runner, three train cars full of 4-H members traveled to Jefferson City to join nearly 1,000 4-H'ers for Missouri's **4-H Day at the Capitol**. Meeting with state officials and learning the processes and history of the Missouri government, a sea of green shirts filled the Capitol building, engaging in civic awareness, leadership, and service thanks in part to Amtrak! The train allowed a huge amount of youth to make the epic journey across rural Missouri to the state capitol and join their peers in highlighting how the 4-H program - the largest youth organization in the US - has positively impacted their lives and helped them develop and pursue their own future goals.

This opportunity was made extra special as 4-H members from Bates, Cass, Cooper, Henry, Johnson, and Pettis counties joined up on their trek east to Jefferson City, getting to meet other Missouri 4-H members and to learn more about their neighboring communities. Johnson County had 20 youth and adults participate. Amtrak staff members were especially friendly and helpful, sharing their experiences and exhibiting the incredible technology and presence of a modern passenger railway in the Midwest. Wonder and excitement filled all of the passenger cars as 4-H members made new friends, discovered new places, and shared their own 4-H stories with other youth and organizations, curious passengers, and state legislators and officials.



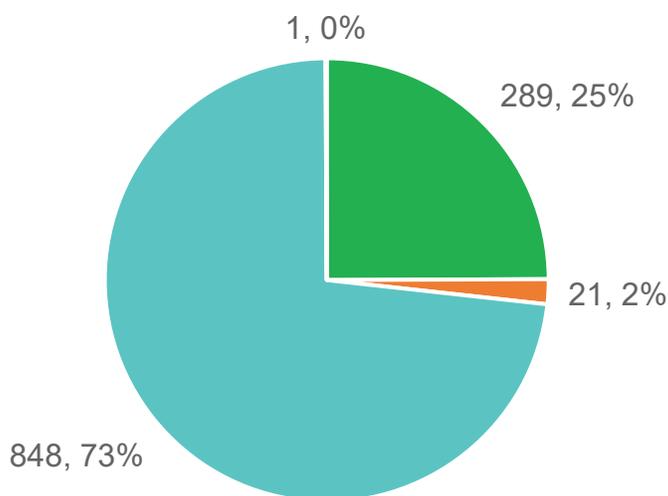
“I am so excited to pass along my love for 4-H and camping to the next generation of campers. As those senior counselors retire, I know that it is up to me to make sure the next group of camp counselors are as good as the ones I had as a camper. I get to be a part of that tradition, and I am so thankful for that opportunity. Camp has taught me to not take for granted the time I have with my 4-H friends.”

4-H Camp is a very important part of the 4-H program. Twenty-one Johnson County youth and four counselors participated in an overnight camp experience with youth from five other neighboring counties. Johnson County clover kids (ages 5-7) participated in a **day camp** coordinated by older teens. During this camp, youth had the chance to make a volcano erupt and learn camp songs/dances. This year it was opened to Pettis County youth too with 21 youth participating.

Profiles and stories

4-H programs are grounded in the belief that youth learn best by doing. Through hands-on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture, and civic engagement in a positive environment, youth receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Youth have the opportunity to concentrate on one focus area, or they can try a variety of programs throughout their 4-H experience.

4-H Membership



■ Community Club ■ SPIN ■ School Enrichment ■ Independent Study

2024-25 Totals

Membership:
1,159 youth

Volunteers:
147

Estimated value of
volunteer time
invested:
Over \$511,000

Volunteers

4-H members are supported by 147 youth and adult volunteers

Time valued at over \$511,000

Volunteers are the core of the 4-H Program. They help to create, support, and deliver educational programs and experiences. Missouri 4-H volunteers report contributing an average of 100 hours per year to the program. Valuing their time at \$34.79 per hour (Independent Sector, 2025), the contribution of Johnson County 4-H volunteers was worth over ½ million dollars 2025. More importantly, these individuals serve as role models and mentors for youth.

Reference

Independent Sector (2025). Independent sector releases new value of volunteer time of \$34.79 per hour.



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Missouri 4-H

Profiles and Stories



The **Johnson County 4-H Council** is made up of representatives from each club in the program and is led by eight youth officers. This group is responsible for directing the 4-H program at the county level. They utilize their communication and organizational skills to create a successful 4-H program. 4-H is an innovator in developing youth leadership and decision-making skills to prepare young people for the future. This past year our Council hosted the first ever 4-H Benefit Auction and Dinner. By utilizing positive youth-adult partnerships, the 4-H Council was able to raise enough funds to cover their expenses for the year.

Two Johnson County 4-H members were selected to represent the state at the **National 4-H Congress**, a premier leadership conference held Nov. 28–Dec. 2 in Atlanta. Macie Remington and Hayden Starbuck joined more than 700 youth from over 40 states for a week of leadership development, as well as an evening of culture at the Atlanta History Center and a morning of community service.

National 4-H Congress offers Missouri youth the chance to connect with peers from across the country while strengthening skills they bring back to their local clubs and communities, said Megan Kershner, state 4-H leadership and civic engagement educator for University of Missouri Extension.



The last week of May is **Missouri 4-H Week**, and Johnson County had five youth attend Teen Conference and seven attend State 4-H Congress. They spent time on the MU Campus and discovered who they are as leaders. Youth were able to connect with college departments and live in the dorms.



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Missouri 4-H

Profiles and Stories



The purpose of the **CLIMB (Community Leadership Involvement Mean a Better Community) High** program is to increase the capacity of youth to address community problems effectively by mobilizing the community human and social capital for common purposes. CLIMB High is a tool that helps youth become aware of potential careers or college opportunities by better understanding their community. CLIMB High strengthens personal growth and self-efficacy; community commitment; shared future and purpose; community knowledge and civic engagement. Through this program almost **350 youth** have grown into the future leaders our community needs. Watching these youth mature through the eight-session program is proof that CLIMB High is providing opportunities for youth to be catalysts for positive change. These youth have modeled the skills taught in CLIMB High in other organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Deca, UCM, and within the community which proves that youth are a very valuable resource that need to be tapped more frequently.

Health is one of the core H's of 4-H, and the Johnson County 4-H is climbing its way to the top! 4-H Volunteers have all sorts of skill sets, and one such skill set we were able to discover amongst our community was **rock climbing!** In partnership with the University of Central Missouri, eleven 4-H members tried out this new project, learning safe practices, important knots, and practical techniques to use at the indoor facility at UCM and outdoors.



4-H Shooting Sports continues to be a large part of the Johnson County 4-H program, and each year we find more and more success. This year, the program not only added an in-county pistol instructor and improved practice sites (in partnership with UCM), but 5 teams placed at the state level in various events with the Intermediate Shotgun Singles team even earning 1st place!

Kim Hall
4-H Youth Development Specialist

Dallas Dieckman
4-H Youth Program Associate



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“A lot of veterans come right out of the service and may feel disconnected and may be struggling with finding job opportunities. The Heroes to Hives program offers a diversion as well as opportunities.”

Eric Work, Heroes to Hives participant



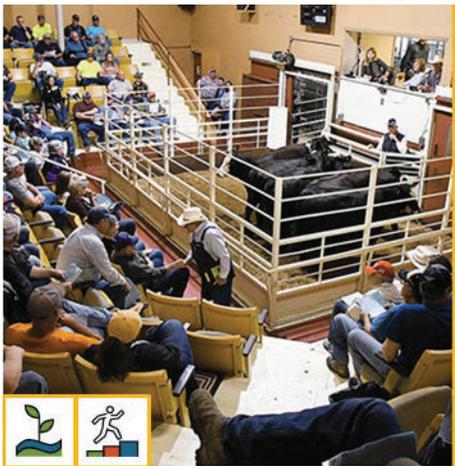
Heroes to Hives offers free professional training in beekeeping to veterans, promoting financial and personal wellness through community development. Missouri’s Heroes to Hives group has trained more than 1,200 veterans since 2021. It is the nation’s largest agriculture training program for U.S. military service members.



The **Missouri Master Gardener** program enables people of all ages to get in-depth horticultural training and apply what they’ve learned to improve their communities and educate others about gardening.



In 2023, almost 4,000 Missouri Extension Master Gardeners completed over 149,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS throughout the state.



The Missouri Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program strives to enhance beef herd reproductive efficiency, boost farm income and establish dependable sources of quality replacement cows in Missouri. The program brings in the power of animal genomics through an enhanced DNA-option, Show-Me-PLUS.



Since its inception more than 900 FARMS have enrolled, with an estimated statewide impact of \$200 MILLION.

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Local Impact

Number of Johnson County residents served

330 Johnson County participants were involved in MU Extension Animal Health and Production Programming which includes:

- Missouri Show-Me-Select Heifer Program
- Cattle Reproductive and Genetic Management
- Native Warm Season Grass Management
- Forage Management
- 4-H and FFA Youth Involved in Livestock Production
- Individual Consultation (Farm, Office, Phone, Email, etc.)
- Media Communication (Radio)

How Does This Work Make Johnson County and Missouri Better?

Increased economic impact for Johnson County livestock producers, improve sustainability of livestock production while maintaining the natural resources. Marketed **213 head** of Show-Me-Select bred heifers and first-calf heifer pairs through Kingsville Livestock Auction for **a total of \$930,000.00, an average of \$4,364.00 per head.**



Total Hours of Collective Workshop/Program Participation in 2023

415 hours (est.)

What Did They Learn?

Livestock producers gained knowledge and/or skill that they can utilize in their production system to answer a simple question or make a gradual change in their operation with a long-term goal. Topics related to animal nutrition, forage management, reproductive management, advances in genetics, herd health, meat quality, etc.

What Action Did They Take?

Livestock producers made many changes throughout the year, such as incorporating improved grazing strategies in their operation, changed their feeding program for their cattle, improved their genetics of their herd, gained knowledge regarding NWSGs, marketed or purchased Show-Me-Select heifers as herd replacement females.

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Two hundred thirteen (213) head of **Show-Me-Select bred heifers** and first-calf pairs sold through a fall bred heifer sale at Kingsville Livestock Auction for a **total of \$ 930,000.00, averaging \$4364.00 per head.** For the first time, **30 head of Show-Me-Select pairs sold for an average of \$4,535.00 per pair.**



Travis Harper –Agronomy Specialist

Private Pesticide Applicator Training— Private Pesticide Applicator Training teaches producers how to safely store, handle, and use restricted-use pesticides in agricultural production. Proper application of pesticides results in greater safety for both the applicator and their neighbors. Proper application of pesticides results in reduced exposure of pesticides to the environment, ultimately leading to safer living conditions for all Missourians. Approximately **29 Johnson County residents received a license in 2025.** *There are currently 150 active private pesticide applicators in Johnson County.*



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Profiles and Stories

Soil Testing — *More than 104 soil samples representing more than 2,000 acres were submitted through the Johnson County Extension office* for analysis at University of Missouri Extension's soil testing laboratory. Soil sampling provides Johnson County's forage and row crop producers with an accurate analysis of exactly what is in their soil and provides them with recommended fertilizer application rates for the crop they are trying to grow. Johnson County's agronomist reviews the soil sample results with the producers, fine-tuning the recommendations for their particular situation and needs. Soil sampling and accurate fertilizer application increases crop production, reduces input cost, maximizes profit, and reduces the environmental impact of fertilizer loss from fields through leaching and runoff.



Heroes to Hives – Heroes to Hives is a statewide program offered through Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS) and University of Missouri Extension that seeks to address financial and personal wellness of veterans through professional training and community development centered around beekeeping. It features online training through MIFFS coupled with hands-on training from University of Missouri Extension at our teaching apiaries in Warrensburg, Mt. Vernon, Poplar Bluff and St. Louis. *More than 1500 veterans from across Missouri have participated in the program with more than half of those being involved with the Warrensburg site in Johnson County.*

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Kathi Mecham – Plant Health and Production: Horticulture Specialist

Whiteman AirforceBase

All About Cole Crops

A virtual program for participants living on and off base. They learned about starting seed indoors and the importance of getting cole crops out early before the summer heat, harvest and more.



Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners are involved in a diverse collection of community projects

- Johnson County Historical Courthouse Square, Warrensburg
- Community Rose Garden, Warrensburg
- Lions Lake Micro Garden, Warrensburg
- Vest Drive Garden, Warrensburg
- Highway 50/Business 50 intersection garden, Warrensburg
- Powell Gardens, Kingsville
- Monthly gardening articles in the Warrensburg Daily Star Journal
- Personal gardening consultations
- Gardening presentations to organizations
- Youth and senior citizen gardening projects.



Number of Volunteers – 25

Number of Volunteer Hours -839.96

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours – \$29,222
(*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours- 192.45

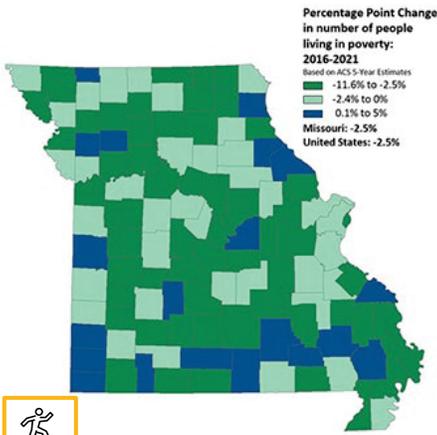


Community Rose Garden: Johnson County Master Gardeners and the Pioneer Garden Club collaborate on this local space



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Business and Community



The **Missouri Economy Indicators (MEI)** series explores business, industry and workforce topics that affect Missouri's economy. The data is shared through newsletters and on social media. MU Extension faculty and staff receive talking points and collateral to share with local stakeholders.

In 2022, MEI published 15 issues, and MEI online resources were accessed MORE THAN 5,000 TIMES. Two out of five MEI newsletter recipients reported using the information to help guide policy or decision-making in their work.

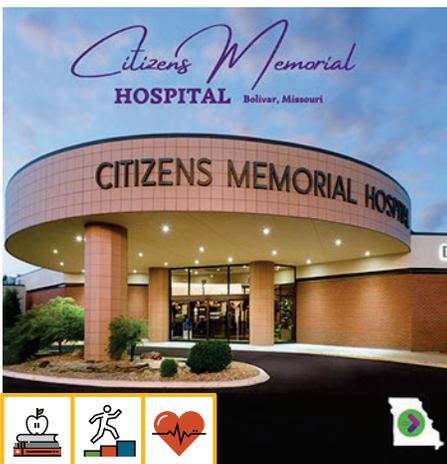
AMERICA'S SBDC MISSOURI CLIENT HIGHLIGHT



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The **Missouri Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)** provide professional training and customized one-on-one counseling to small business across the state. Working with the Missouri SBDC helps business owners make confident decisions.

FY2020-2022, Missouri SBDC ASSISTED 878 STARTUPS and helped Missouri small businesses earn more than \$440 Million.



Recovery Friendly Workplaces (RFWs) foster a workplace culture that promotes employee safety, health and well-being through strategies that support managers and employees, including reducing stigma and providing recovery resources related to the challenges surrounding substance use disorders. The framework was developed in partnership with MU Extension's Labor and Workforce Development Program.

As of 2024, 41 Missouri businesses have been designated recovery friendly workplaces, and 2,651 EMPLOYEES have been trained on addiction, stigma and naloxone distribution.

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Business and Community

Local Impact

Mitchell Moon– Labor & Workforce Development Specialist

Whether you're an employer looking to strengthen your workforce or an individual looking to advance in your career, **MU's Career Accelerator** offers a variety of courses, training events, and certificates to meet your needs. Utilizing the University of Missouri's researchers and instructors, along with various partnerships across multiple industries, the MU Career Accelerator is a valuable resource for upskilling and reskilling America's workforce. ***We keep Missouri working and we keep Missouri competing.***

234 individuals participated in MU Career Accelerator events/trainings.



Trainings and leadership institutes are half-day or full-day workshops. Attendees gain new skills, tactics, and/or knowledge that can be applied directly back to their profession. When the MU Career Accelerator hosts a workshop, we partner with fellow University of Missouri faculty and on-campus departments to deliver accurate and cutting edge information that directly benefits that specific workforce.



This fall, we hosted **6 workforce summits** across the state of Missouri and **1 virtual summit**. The Workforce Summits offered insights and resources to various sectors of Missouri's employers (public, private and nonprofit) and explained how MU Extension resources can be leveraged for local economic and workforce development. ***Engaged with 263 individuals from across Missouri!***



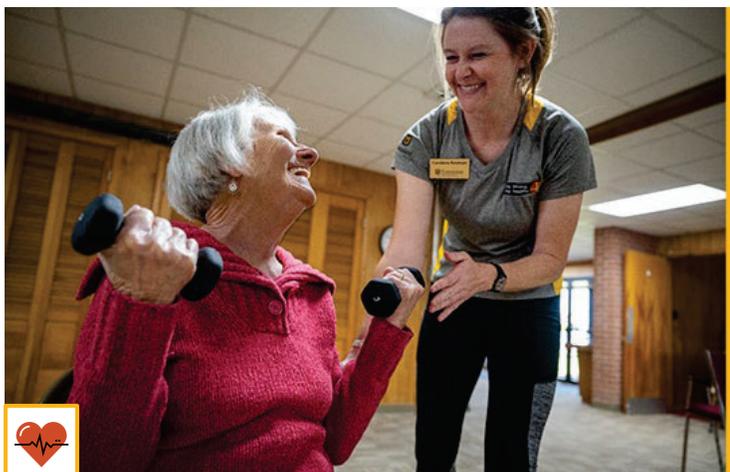
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Health and Human Sciences



Chronic Disease Self-Management programs offer evidence-based information for individuals and their caregivers to boost self-confidence in managing symptoms, enhancing quality of life and even reducing health care expenses.

These programs have undergone rigorous evaluation and are proven to be effective tools for individuals dealing with chronic conditions like arthritis, fibromyalgia, depression and diabetes.



Stay Strong, Stay Healthy supports older adults in maintaining strength, balance, and mobility to fully engage in the activities that matter most to them. The program combines safe, effective exercises with practical information on nutrition and wellness, helping participants build confidence, connection, and **well-being** for lifelong health.

After eight weeks, participants in the Stay Strong, Stay Healthy program showed significant improvement in their STRENGTH, BALANCE and SLEEP QUALITY.



Policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) changes encourage residents to improve community health by making healthy choices easier and more accessible. Residents design strategies around local needs, assets, and interests.

HELPING HANDS FOUR PANTRY leaders decided pantry clients needed access to healthier foods. Review of food procurement and display practices led to a new policy allocating \$1,000 of pantry discretionary spending for **LOW-FAT DAIRY OR FRESH PRODUCE**

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Lynnlee Parrott– Nutrition & Education Specialist

What is Health and Human Sciences?

The Health and Human Sciences Department is designed to help individuals of all ages create and maintain a healthy lifestyle across their lifespan. This can include helping people learn about the brain and body, creating healthy habits, learning how to change habits as needed, and keeping overall well-being a priority.

Divisions within Health and Human Sciences:

Nutrition and Health: This area of the department is designed to help people create positive food and activity habits, as well as learn how to work toward building skills for their lifetime that can keep them healthy.

Human Development and Family Sciences: This area looks at how people develop through the lifespan and how individuals develop within the context of the family and society.

In 2025, Johnson County had two different programs for Nutrition and Health.

Cooking Matters is a program designed to help people learn how to make healthy meals, effectively and efficiently, and within a budget. The curriculum uses meals that utilize ingredients that can be stretched to other meals to limit waste and stretch the money that is spent on the groceries. In Johnson County, there were two programs hosted with two different partners reaching **twelve participants and four volunteers**.



Figure 1: Cooking Matters-Discussions

Profiles and stories

Dining with Diabetes is a program designed to assist people with pre-diabetes or diabetes manage their condition and its symptoms, learn how to make meals that help control blood glucose levels, gain knowledge about how fats, sodium, sweeteners, sugars, and more impact blood glucose levels. This class utilizes a cooking demonstration with different protein, carbohydrates, vegetables, fruits, dairy, and incorporates desserts. This allows participants to taste items throughout the program that they may utilize at home. In Johnson County, there were three programs hosted with **22 participants**. Of these 22 participants, there was **over \$27,000 saved in healthcare costs in a year**.



Figure 2: Cooking Matters-Meal Preparation and Cooking Skills

Kyleigh Brown– Human Development Specialist

Kyleigh Brown has been involved with **two coalitions in Johnson County**. **H2O** is a coalition that aims to increase awareness of mental health resources and decrease stigma in our communities. Community partners include Western Missouri Medical Center, the Johnson County Sheriff's office, Compass Health and many more. The Johnson County Prevention coalition is supported by community partner Recovery Lighthouse and is dedicated to preventing substance misuse among young people in Johnson County. MU Extension has provided numerous materials for dissemination for these groups to utilize at their events.

Question. Persuade. Refer. (QPR) suicide prevention to 44 Trails Ridge Library staff. They were also provided free resources to have available at each branch. **100% of respondents reported after the class that if someone told them they were contemplating suicide, they would intervene.**



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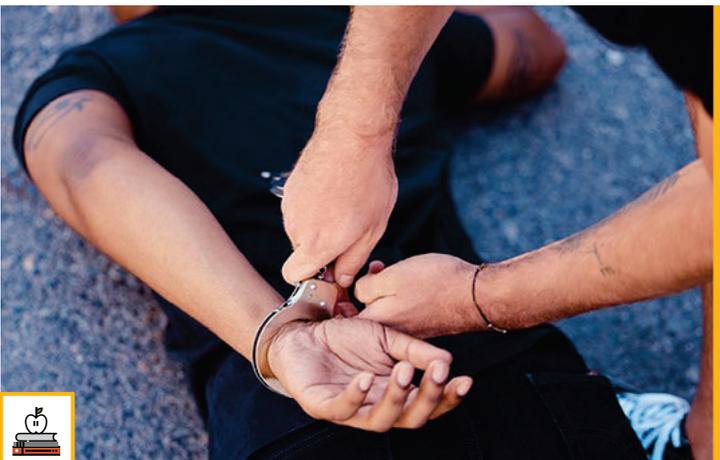
Continuing Education



Established in 2002, the **Fire Officer Certificate Program** is designed for those who wish to further their professional development without the time and expense of traditional college classes. This program has been developed and evaluated to ensure it provides structured curriculum delivery and academic rigor. The program requires completion of 288 of instruction within three years.



The programming from the **MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute** (MU FRTI) is available to all qualified fire and emergency first responders. Seventy percent of courses are held at the local departments or agencies. With most of the state's fire service personnel considered volunteer or part-time, this local access and flexibility assures training opportunities for all firefighter and emergency responders.



The **Law Enforcement Training Institute** (LETI) offers advanced training on a wide variety of topics, including defensive tactics, firearms, use of force and de-escalation. LETI offers customized programs for all required continuing education areas of concentration.



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