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4-H PYD and the OJJDP Collaboration

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Purpose Today





**What do
the four
Hs
stand
for?**



4-H Pledge

I pledge my **Head** to clearer thinking

My **Heart** to greater loyalty

My **Hands** to larger service

And My **Health** to better living

For my Club, my Community,
my Country and my World!





USDA/NIFA



4-H is USDA's flagship positive youth development and education program.

USDA NIFA is responsible for the organization, supervision and administration of the 4-H program at the federal level.

4-H is administered through the Division of Youth and 4-H in NIFA's Institute of Youth, Family and Community.



DY4-H Team

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DIVISION DIRECTOR



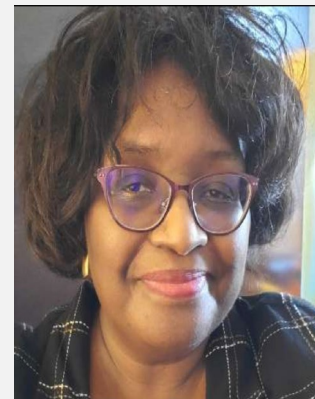
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What is the 4-H Program?

4-H has a rich history of being a leader in positive youth development experiences for more than a century.

4-H is the youth outreach program of the USDA. Implemented by the Cooperative Extension System through over **110 LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES** across the United States and its territories.

CONDUCTED AT THE
STATE AND LOCAL
LEVEL,
4-H REACHES MORE
THAN

6 M YOUTH



2.6M RURAL



1.8M URBAN



1.6M SUBURBAN

DELIVERED BY 3,500
COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION
PROFESSIONALS

500,000 TRAINED
VOLUNTEERS

4-H System

- **NIFA**
- **National 4-H Council (Foundation)**
- **Cooperative Extension Service – 110+ LGUs**
- Ag – FCS – Rural Development – 4-H
- 3143 Counties
- Funding is Cooperative
- Federal – State – Local
- 1 or more educators per county
- 4-H is dependent on Volunteers



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NIFA LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



4-H and Member Definition



“All youth programming in Extension is by definition 4-H and that the preferred name for Extension Youth Development Programming is 4-H Youth Development”. - ECOP, March 2018

“A 4-H Member is a youth who participates in any educational program or activity delivered by Cooperative Extension and/or receives Cooperative Extension-based curriculum. 4-H Member includes a youth who is ‘Individually Enrolled’ or ‘Group Enrolled’, regardless of the type of 4-H engagement/delivery method in which they are participating”. - PLWG, June 2019

The Collaboration



Develop a program to expand opportunities for

- 1) Rural youth,
- 2) Juvenile Justice Involved Youth,
- 3) Youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement to receive mentoring services through 4-H programming.

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5 Years

3 Years

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MARRY

Mentoring at Risk and Rural Youth

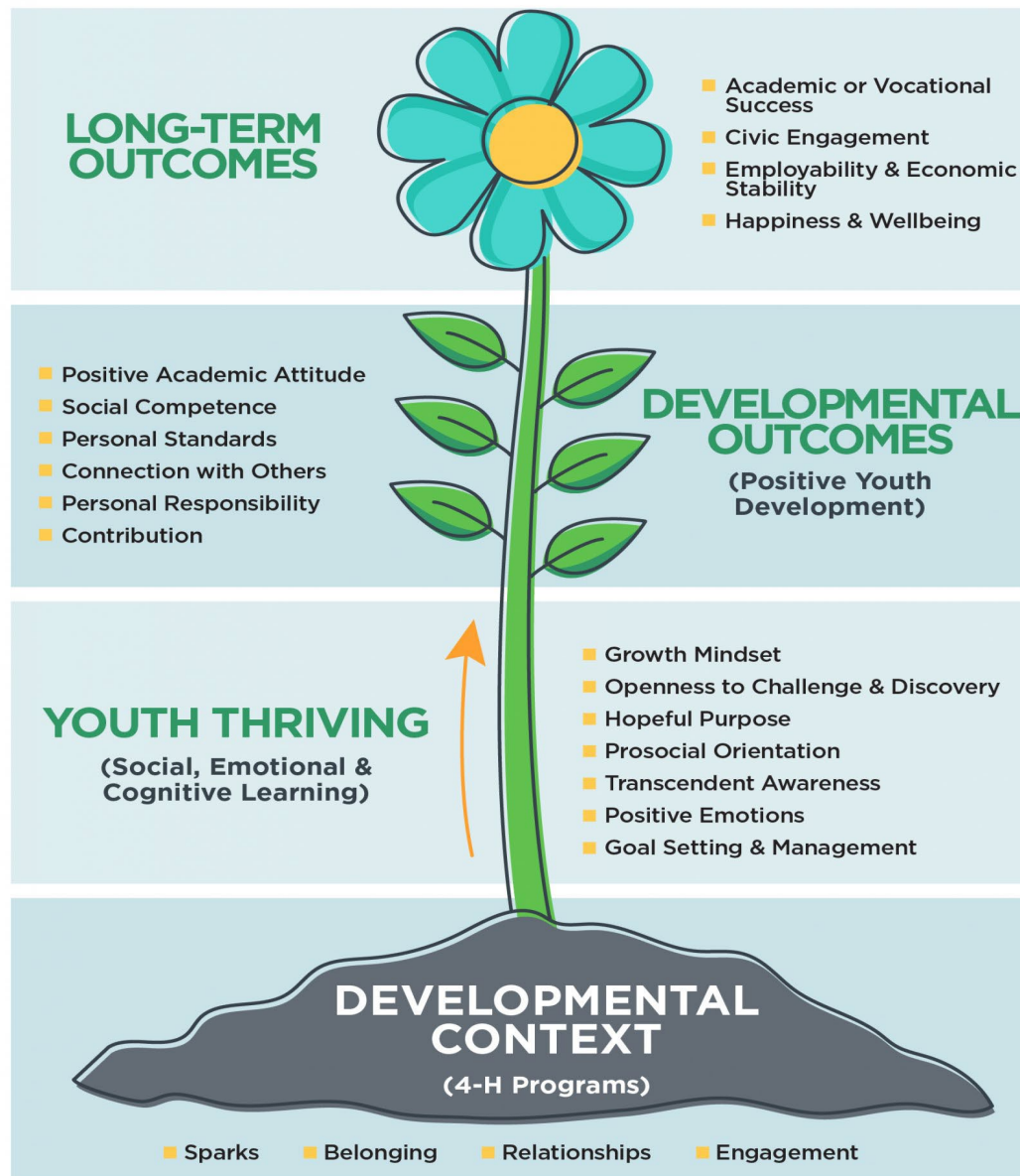
Alignment with **USDA's Strategic Plan**
FY 2022-2026

Goal 5: Expand Opportunities for Economic Development and Improve Quality of Life in Rural and Tribal Communities.



Critical Components

1. Evidence-based Projects
2. Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth
3. Rural Youth
4. Youth At-risk of Juvenile Justice Involvement
5. Mentoring Services
6. National Mentoring Resource Center (NMRC)



Competitive RFA



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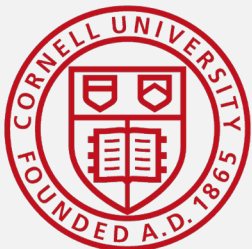
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Six Grantees

Ohio Pathways for
Appalachian Youth
Success
(PAYS)



Mentoring Essex
County, **NY** Youth
With the 4-H Thrive
Model



Utah 4-H Mentoring
For Rural At-Risk Youth



WVU Extension MARRY
Program



Maine NorthStar 4-H
Youth Mentorship Project



Beyond Ready:
Empowering **Indiana's**
Youth Through Career
Discovery Mentors



OJJDP
Continuum of Care
For Communities

Prevention

5

Intervention –Low

1



Anticipated Engagement/Outcomes

400 mentored youth

Youth grades 4-12

1:1 and group mentoring

**Youth at-risk of juvenile
justice involvement**

**Rural economically
disadvantaged youth**

**Youth already involved with
the juvenile justice system**

- Youth and Family Partnerships
- Monthly Structured Mentoring Activities
- Skill development
- Community inclusion
- Increased self-concept
- Career readiness
- Improved Communication
- Building technology skills
- Increase protective factors against negative social messages



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