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The Extension system is the world’s largest non-formal educational system. Extension’s hallmark is programming delivered by professionals to address the needs of the local community while also addressing state, national, and global issues. Our practical educational programs combine the needs of local citizens and communities with new research and technical information.

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Extension provides practical advice, sensible solutions, and realistic down-to-earth answers for ALL Ohioans.

ENHANCING AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) programs assist with technology, marketing and educational support. Our ANR professionals help producers develop and expand profitable, sustainable farming and other agricultural businesses – thereby creating jobs and economic opportunity for Ohio’s citizens. They also provide leadership, collaboration, consulting, unbiased information, applied research, and access to land-grant university knowledge to address local issues and needs.

OSU Extension also works to help local residents and community leaders enhance and sustain the environment and natural areas throughout the state, balancing economic advancement with environmental sustainability.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
OSU Extension Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) gives people the knowledge, skills and tools needed to make healthy, informed choices. FCS professionals provide reliable, evidence-based information to encourage – and empower – people to adopt practices and behaviors to improve their finances, build more positive relationships with friends and family, and embrace healthier, nutritious lifestyles.

PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS
4-H is a non-formal educational, youth development program offered to individuals age 5 and in kindergarten to age 19 reaching more than 240,000 youth each year in Ohio.

Programs focus on active involvement and quality experiences which stimulate lifelong learning of values and skills. Members learn valuable lessons in leadership, communication and collaboration while increasing their knowledge in math, science, technology and a variety of other topics.

4-H creates fun while learning in a variety of ways. Kids can participate in 4-H through community clubs, camps, in-school and after-school activities, and summer programs. They increase their self-confidence and personal life skills while learning about specific subjects - anything from animals to computers to public speaking, cooking, art and gardening just to name a few project topics.

SNAP-Ed programming targets individuals and families eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by using interactive approaches with participants who attend classes.

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