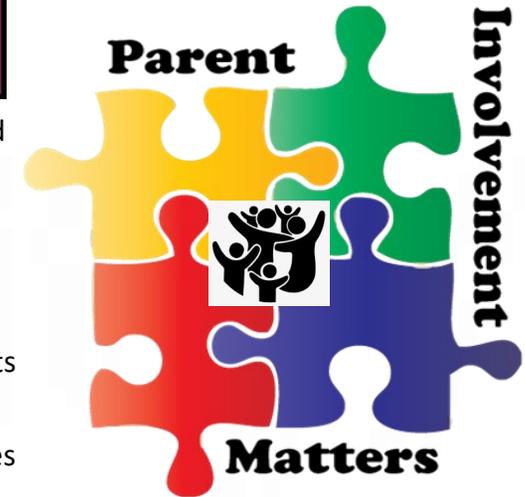


Parent Involvement

Parents who are involved in their child's 4-H experience will have a positive impact on the achievement and growth of their child through the 4-H program. Youth are more successful and self-confident when their parents are involved because they receive more individualized attention and guidance. Parents with enthusiastic behaviors are contagious and youth will mimic this behavior to get the most out of their 4-H experience. Parents who positively participate in the 4-H program will grow deeper connections with their children through shared common interests while also contributing to other youth in the community. Parents have the opportunity to get to know their children's friends, as well as make their own new friends and acquaintances. Parent involvement in the 4-H program allows for the expansion and enrichment of activities to make the program more impactful as a whole.



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How to get parents involved:

- Make sure they understand the program
- Ask!! Many parents are unaware they are wanted or needed
- Determine parent interests → parent survey
- Be specific about requests, including task and time commitment
- Create a family buddy system
- Be receptive
- Make it FUN → family scavenger hunt, picnic, etc.
- Implement ways to have all parents involved

How to retain parents:

- Make recognition a priority
- Include program participants in the recognition
- Parent Appreciation Night → ask 4-H agent to host a 2 hour workshop while parents have dinner together
- Family Fun Night
- During roll call, ask members to complete the following sentence: "I am proud of my parent because...."
- Find new opportunities for parents to help
- Encourage them to sign up as a volunteer

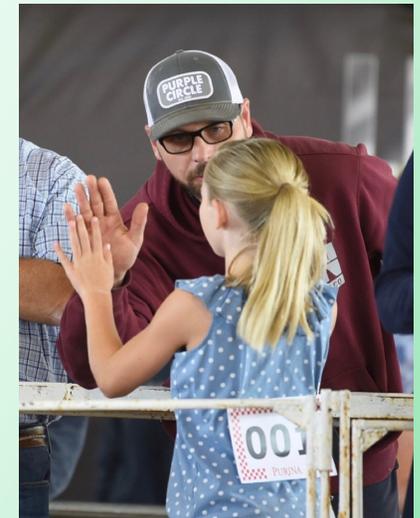


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Favorable attitudes
Parent Interest
+ Parent Cooperation
SUCCESSFUL 4-H CLUB