



# Jefferson County

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## 2007 Impact Statements

- Forty-nine incarcerated men participated in the **Fit 2-B Fathers** program. The program teaches anger management, money management, career advancement, discipline, communicating, literacy and school success, healthy living, and health and safety for children. All participants claimed to plan to use the new information they learned. Incarcerated men who can successfully engage with their children and families following release are less likely to return to prison and their children may be less likely to acquire criminal records.
- **Family Nutrition Program** reached more than 600 food stamp eligible participants who ultimately impact 1,800 family members. A majority of participants reported learning new information about the dietary guidelines, thrifty shopping, meal management and food safety. This project is in cooperation with the USDA, Ohio and County Job and Family Services. Also, over 450 county residents were educated about dietary guidelines, choosing healthy food, thrifty shopping and physical activity with lessons from the **Healthy People** program.
- Findings indicate that when divorcing parents are educated with strategies for helping their children, these children have better outcomes following the divorce. As a result of attending the **Helping Children Succeed Divorce** program, all 44 participants claimed to have learned and plan to use new information concerning their children. The county court system reported that this program reduces post-decree filings for participants which limit children's exposure to parental conflicts.
- The **Healthy Finances** program reached 176 county residents and focuses on helping families increase their knowledge and skills regarding strategies for budgeting their money, managing their finances, and reducing their credit spending.
- **New Start for Financial Success** was made available to bankruptcy filers who are required to complete an approved personal finance instruction course before debts can be discharged. Twenty-one county residents participated in the course which offers knowledge and training in the areas of financial planning, credit use, insurance, and budgeting. They learned how to prioritize actions related to: Developing a Spending Plan, Money Management, Wise Use of Credit, and Using Reliable Consumer Information Sources. This program is also available to anyone wishing to improve their financial management skills.
- Thirty-nine Jefferson County residents who have participated in **Healthy Relationships** have reported increasing their knowledge and skills regarding marriage and couple relationship, parenting, and adult development and aging issues.
- Adolescents frequently engage in risk-taking behaviors such as drug and alcohol use, sexual activities resulting in STDs and unwanted pregnancies, irresponsible vehicle operation, and violence. To address these issues, **Supplemental Education for Schools** was offered in local schools and at the local alternative school for adjudicated youth. Participants report learning new social and life skills; many plan to use what they learned. This program is presented in conjunction with the Jefferson County Juvenile Court System.
- With funding from the American Lung Association and Healthy Ohioans, 4-H events emphasized proper nutrition and physical activity in everyday lives. Over 3,000 students and adults walked at least one mile for 4-H. Every school district in the county participated and one school district promoted the walk for teachers as well as students. Over 300 third and fourth graders participated in a four-week **Jump into Food and Fitness (JIFF)** program. Students learned about nutrition and physical activity and the importance of applying the lessons to everyday life. In addition, 15 youth participated in a 4-week summer JIFF program. A JIFF teacher in-service training was held with 24 public school teachers and 6 Head Start teachers attending. Teachers received the JIFF curriculum and .6 CEU's.
- Two **Cloverbud Day Camps** were held with a total of 76 Cloverbud members participating. At one camp the five to eight year olds learned how to make a map and gained an understanding of north, south, east and west directional positions. They also learned social skills and participated in physical and mental recreational activities.
- The **Students Taking Active Roles (STAR)** program continued its focus on entrepreneurship with 18 high school students acting as managers of a small business. The STAR program is a collaborative effort with the Community Foundation of Jefferson County and the Treasure Island Flea Market.

- Thirty-five **Junior Leaders** Club members learned leadership, decision-making and responsibility ownership by helping to plan and conduct county-wide 4-H programs and activities such as the May Fitness Walk, Skillathon, JIFF Teachers In-service and after school 4-H programs in Edison, Buckeye Local and Toronto School Districts.
- 4-H **project work** included 183 members participating in still project interviews and judging. Outstanding Youth Skillathon status was awarded to 110 youth and to 11 for Most Outstanding for their knowledge of breeds, feeds, parts, medication labels and equipment of 11 animal species. Quality Assurance Training was received by 150 youth where they learned the “10 Good Production Practices,” the importance of identification and tracking of animals, and proper animal care and handling. Horse Camp taught showmanship and horsemanship skills to 84 members.
- **Volunteer development** included volunteer training held at each 4-H Club and was presented to 147 volunteers. This training focused on incorporating the key elements of 4-H into traditional clubs, proper use of the 4-H emblem and name, and a question and answer period covering topics of interest to the volunteers of each club. Approximately 30 volunteers regularly attended general livestock, saddle horse and small animal sub-committee meetings. These volunteers helped plan, organize, and conduct Quality Assurance Training, Horse Camp, Dog Obedience, and Showmanship Clinics. Also, a new Still Project subcommittee has been organized and is planning two clinics in 2008.
- Through contributions from the community and fund raisers, the Jefferson County 4-H Committee added approximately \$10,000 to its **endowment fund** in 2007.
- More than 70 farm managers learned about on-farm production of bio-diesel at a **dairy barn meeting**.
- More than 65 landowners learned how to negotiate with oil and gas companies and manage oil and gas leases on their property at an **Oil and Gas Lease Workshop**.
- Thirty-six beef producers increased their beef production and management skills at a day-long **Fall Cattle-men’s Tour**.
- Twenty-nine Christmas tree producers increased their pest management skills at a **Christmas Tree Insect and Disease Clinic**.
- Sixteen private woodland owners increased their timber marketing skills at a day-long **forestry field day**. Participants learned about best management practices for timber harvesting, and learned how to manage a timber sale.
- One hundred ninety-two local landowners learned about various legal aspects of coal leases on private property at a **Coal Lease Workshop** conducted by OSU Extension and co-sponsored by the Farm Bureau.
- Over 120 landowners learned about **Current Agricultural Use Values (CAUV)** to help them lower their property tax. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Farm Bureau.
- More than 120 beef producers learned about grazing management and beef handling facilities at a **Cattle-men’s Family Picnic and Field Day** held at a local beef farm.
- Sixty-one beef producers learned how to utilize body condition scoring as a method for evaluating the condition of their brood cows at a **Beef Management School session** taught on a local beef farm. This session was part of a four-session Beef Management School which attracted a total of 222 beef producers.
- Twenty-five employees of public agencies and political subdivisions such as townships, school systems, and villages participated in a day-long **Pesticide Certification Workshop and Testing Session** taught by Extension.
- Twelve livestock producers learned how to compost dead livestock at an evening workshop on **Livestock Mortality Composting** taught by Extension.
- More than 180 landowners and township trustees and clerks learned about **Ohio’s line fence law** at an evening workshop co-sponsored by OSU Extension and the Farm Bureau.
- Seventy-nine licensed private pesticide applicators became recertified to purchase and apply restricted-use pesticides by participating in three different three-hour **Pesticide Recertification Workshops**.
- Sixty-five crop producers learned about the latest agronomic crop production technologies at the **Tri-County Agronomy Day**, where 42% of participants reported that they will save an average of \$727 each as a result of what they learned during the program.
- Twenty farm families learned about estate planning and intergenerational farming at a two-day **Farm Business Transition Workshop**. As a result of participating in the workshop, 94% of participants indicated that they planned to meet with an attorney to develop a succession plan.
- Thirty-nine landowners learned about agricultural security areas and lease hunting at two **Public Policy Workshops** conducted by OSU Extension and the Farm Bureau.

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