

PCD Strategic Opportunities Survey

Local Program Needs - Metro Area

- Programs to enhance the appeal of 4H to the community. We should be studying the members of the community for input on what they need and what and not survey a group of people already biased by their involvement with extension. If we don't find methods
- Local government spending, helping people who are unemployed
- To create a sense of caring and commitment among individuals within the community.
- Come up with ways to keep kids enrolled in 4-H and get the families involved. Cut down on some of the paperwork required for 4-H
- Program Value
- Industry, job potential.
- We need to promote items that are essential to urban and rural living
- We need a better place for children to come and learn after school hours or in the summer
- How do we help the people that will be facing layoffs?
- I can't think of anything else, this is a very comprehensive survey. Thank you, Kathy Mulinazzi
- Control the drift of 2,4-D which has been damaging specialty crops for 62 years. Practical education on food preservation, canning freezing. Developing renewable energy sources like tree plantations for heat and building. I saw many tree plantations
- Healthy agricultural economy usually drives a healthy community economy, so concentrating efforts for profitable agriculture is good for Kansas and its communities.
- Genetically modified foods - education, it is necessary, safety of consumption, etc. Vaccinations for animals - development, education, etc.
- I feel that it is important for individuals to understand the importance of other aspects of the state. For example: Residents in the larger cities should realize how much the state depends on agriculture in rural Kansas.
- working with people of other languages. Spanish especially, but many other languages as well.
- Help people adapt to the constraints of the economic downturn and begin to rebuild for the future.
- A couple of the questions were asked with a bias towards global warming. I would like to make it clear that I do not agree with the too common belief that there is such a thing as global warming. Also, while I support alternative energy sources, I also
- Extension should help provide a free service and work with other agencies so that efforts are not doubled up resulting in a waste of resources.
- Building stronger leaders through youth development.
- Ensure that those living in poverty without transportation would have equal access to these programs.
- The need to learn more about my community services for my own benefit, as well as making this information available to the community as a whole. During this difficult economic time many are seeking assistance and do not know where to turn. One example was
- I believe most of the citizens are struggling to maintain their standard of living. The support that the Extension provides helps in many ways. I feel that publicity of the fact that Extension offers that support is crucial.
- I think there is an imbalance between how urban kids see the focus and needs of our agricultural lands in Kansas. How do we teach that to the urbanized kid so that we can sustain the future of our state's resources?
- It is important that we reach a variety of people in order to improve their health and well being. Nutrition is very important and getting the best food for the dollar is what many people are needing at this time. Getting the word out on the programs
- keeping the community united as it struggles with growth.
- Assist Hispanic people to understand and to participate in the upcoming census. They trust the University system more than the federal government due to their experiences in their home countries.

- Hispanic related programs.
- Shopping wisely since the nearest grocery store is 20 miles away.
- Identify needs of poor and aged to help them live life better. To Help families to recognize the importance of raising Children in an Emotional healthy Environment in their home's.
- Maybe some families could be more self-supporting and not depend so much on government assistance. As a food source, for example, maybe they could put out a small vegetable garden.
- Ways for the community to be more knowledgeable about agriculture. 2. Figure out ways for the community to stimulate more jobs for Reno County. 3. Figure out how to get property taxes down. 4. Ways to keep young professionals in our community.
- I feel very fortunate. I have a college degree, a healthy family and feel secure financially. I have a strong faith and friends which gives me a support system in time of need....Others are not so fortunate....I have been involved in Extension all of my
- Sustainable community and economic development without the requirements of constant growth and resource depletion. More local activities for youth development. Not everyone can go to camp at Rock Springs.
- support and education on local and sustainable agriculture
- Science education so that we don't have a 'chicken little', or knee-jerk mentality concerning food safety, the responsible use of fertilizers and relatively safe pesticides, and genetic engineering.
- How to involve people without making them feel overwhelmed/too busy.
- Have a Local Resource Fair (once or twice a year) that will include info for Riley County residents but will also target rural areas of Riley Co. Resources on Emergency Assit., Advocary,Counseling, Childcare,Basic Assis, etc.
- getting people involved
- Risk Management tools for ag/food producers.
- I would like better PR in order to better promote the Extension Services to ethnic groups.
- Engage with local educational and business organizations to develop and implement strategies to positively impact the built environment.
- Educate consumers as to what they can do to improve the quality of our surroundings by recycling, using environmentally friendly products and techniques...
- Continue to support farmers' markets and vendor opportunities. Provide information on plants suitable for local climate.
- Build improved relationships among the wide variety of ethnic groups in the market.
- Improve information sharing and accessibility to seniors for available resources associated with the aging process.
- support of 4-H in after school program, school programs and at the Air Force Base - High Importance.
- Promote healthy lifestyles starting in pre-school. Promote exercise, activity, healthy foods. Teach kids to avoid fried, non-nutritious fast foods, and sugar so we will end up with healthy adults! Healthy activity, healthy nutrition will help with mental
- Some are being 'covered' on a larger scale through other resources, so there may be some redundancy.
- I work at a school. We have identified that we need parenting classes. Parents are asking for workshops on parenting skills. We have not been able to find any in Topeka that are free or at least affordable.
- to get more knowledge about extension to the public
- There are numerous efforts locally to have health and wellness initiatives to all ages. I think there are adequate programs to promote health and wellness to youth, but we need to develop more programs for the Baby Boomer generations and aging citizens o
- Finding quality resources for the best prices. Educating the public about financial responsibilities.
- We need to find a way to empower even more volunteers. As our baby boomer generation starts to retire, we need to find ways to keep them engaged. We also need to develop MORE school enrichment programs, designed to fit our ever changing educational needs
- I have not identified any other than what was asked on this survey
- Getting information to seniors about services available to them to keep them in their own homes or apartments longer. Activities for youth to keep them off of the streets. Example: 4-H

- A 'grassroots' network of individuals from the smaller outlying communities in Shawnee county who have a passion for finding what works and then implementing it, family by family, in even the smallest, unincorporated village.
- Maintaining quality education (for all ages) during hard economic times (mailings and technology, etc.)
- technology
- *Integrated Pest Management *The effect of GMO's on human and animals *Reduction of chemical pesticides and more organics
- Value of Historic Preservation of buildings to a community, not only in its heritage but also in the area of economic development.
- Find way for home owners to grow own food and then an easy way to store it.
- With mandates on No Child Left Behind curriculum and testing, we need to identify Extension projects that support the core knowledge that must be taught and try to link these requirements to life skills the units offered (today they include making bread,
- For our area, being a mostly urban/suburban county, we need to better adapt ourselves to the changing dynamics of our community. Specifically, using technology and other alternatives to reach the 22-40 years of age crowd, and adapting programs so that t
- The local needs would be to encourage consumers to participate in programs that are available to them.