

2005 Greene County Extension Council Prioritized Need Themes

Late Summer and Fall 2005 Future Talk Process for the state's 4-year planning cycle, 2007-2011. Source is Greene County Extension Council discussions and top results of 108 responses to a local needs analysis web-survey. These 25 need themes were clearly identified, and will serve as a foundation for program planning.

Human Development Needs:

- ✓ Strengthen parenting skills and education
- ✓ Structure programs so youth learn to grow, know themselves, see possibilities
- ✓ Help youth develop leadership, citizenship & other life skills
- ✓ Make youth feel needed & wanted in the community
- ✓ Teach youth discipline & structure
- ✓ Quality child care
- ✓ Adult care giving
- ✓ Increase money management skills for all ages
- ✓ Leadership training for existing and emerging leaders
- ✓ Teach and build entrepreneurial skills in all ages

Community Development Needs: (the public sector side)

- ✓ Long range community planning and visioning
- ✓ Community economic development
- ✓ Creating communities that retain young adults to live and work in Iowa
- ✓ Help rural communities understand how to grow and prosper
- ✓ Help community leaders use research to build their local economy
- ✓ Assist community leaders & their organization to develop & carry out plans to build their community
- ✓ Involve youth with adults as active partners in decisions that affect our community
- ✓ Natural resources & environmental stewardship

Business Development Needs: (the private, cooperative, and corporate enterprise side)

- ✓ Expanding markets for all businesses
- ✓ Entrepreneurship assistance for all businesses
- ✓ Economic development, all sectors, including agriculture
- ✓ Create new agricultural enterprises and opportunities for the current and future generation of farmers
- ✓ Strengthen agriculture production & processing to boost Iowa's economy
- ✓ Develop new products that add value to agricultural commodities
- ✓ Growing Iowa's bio-economy

Methods:

Use the Internet more to provide information and education

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