

4-H CHILD DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITS



What's the judge looking for?

For all exhibits, be prepared to explain:

- 1) What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
- 2) What steps did you take to learn or do this? Explain what you wanted to do so it is easily understood. The judge wants to know and understand the steps you used to make your exhibit.
- 3) What were the most important things you learned?

For child development exhibits, be prepared to explain:

- What you learned about children or what the children gained by using the items in the exhibit
- Evidence that all objects/toys, etc. have been tried out with children
- Why the project or idea is appropriate for the age or development of the child.

The fair judge is looking for evidence that you learned about:

- Ways children grow and learn
- How children express emotions
- Why being different is unique and special
- Different family members' roles
- How to identify child safety concerns in the home or playground
- How to identify safe and developmentally appropriate toys and food for children
- How to help children take care of themselves when home alone
- Making healthy meal choices for the age of the child
- The why and how of developing friendships
- Ways to help child care providers with kids
- Exploration of different child development careers
- How you observe behaviors/developmental skills
- How intergenerational community projects help children
- What teaching or coaching techniques are good for younger children
- What techniques are appropriate for guiding and disciplining children
- Other ideas from our Child Development Project Materials.