

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

CLINTON COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State research and resources. We listen, learn, and work with the people of Clinton County for a #STRONGIOWA.

Clinton County Extension Council

Every Iowa county has an elected extension council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.

We have identified these local issues as priority topics for current and future programming:

- Economic Development
- Food and the Environment
- Health and Well-being
- K-12 Youth Outreach



Economic Development

Clinton County Extension is pleased to support and assist the economic development efforts all across Clinton County, including: the DeWitt Chamber and Development Company, the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Clinton Regional Development Corporation.

Strong economies and thriving communities are a central part of Iowa State Extension and Outreach's Community and Economic Development mission to serve the citizens of Clinton County.



Extension Council Members

We want communities and farmers to thrive, and families and children to be healthy. And eventually we want to turn the world over to the next generation better than we found it.

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Health and Well-being

During the spring of 2019, participants in the **"Powerful Tools for Caregivers"** series learned and practiced caregiving "tools" to reduce personal stress, communicate feelings and needs to others, set limits and ask for help, and deal with emotions. Funding from the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency (MBAEA) provided financial support for program implementation.

The six-week **Strengthening Families 10 – 14** program occurred in February and March of 2019. Six families with 8 youth and 9 adults gathered at Central DeWitt School and the ISU Clinton County Extension office to meet, enjoy a meal, and attend the educational program. Participants learned new techniques to communicate within their family and effectively share their feelings.

Thanks to a generous grant from Genesis Philanthropy, **Strengthening Families 10 – 14** will be available again for Clinton County families starting in February 2020 at St. Joseph's Catholic School in DeWitt.

Food and Environment

Master Gardeners extend the mission of Extension & Outreach through horticulture

programs and volunteer activity. **This year over 2,000 hours of volunteer service were provided, representing a public service value of more than \$57,000.** Year after year, our Master Gardeners maintain the Outdoor Learning Classroom (Clinton County Fair Garden) and volunteer at the Arboretum in Clinton.

K-12 Youth Outreach

In Clinton County, youth from Clinton to Wheatland were taught about a variety of research-based topics through multiple delivery modes. Youth were reached during afterschool programs, overnight camps, and community clubs.

Some topics included Dash Robots, Microsoft Tech Changemakers, Babysitting Basics, On My Own and Okay, plus Science, Technology, Engineering and Math through STEM Lit to Go! Kits. We traveled to middle schools, libraries, city parks, and elementary schools to deliver the programs.

Specifically, through community 4-H clubs, **we reached 291 Club members and 158 Clover Kids members** as we embark on the 4-H mission "To Make the Best Better". Both numbers are higher than the statewide average. We have **12 active 4-H clubs (4th-12th graders) and 5 active Clover Kids Clubs (K-3rd graders).**

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