



2021 IN WARREN 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 Warren County for a #STRONGIOWA.



Sustainable
ENVIRONMENTS



Thriving
COMMUNITIES



Resilient
PEOPLE



Future
LEADERS



The Warren County Extension Council has been elected by the people of the county to guide local educational programming by partnering with extension staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents you and your issues. We are always serving Iowans and we are here for you. Now. Always.

Thank you for your support.

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Serving the People of Warren County

As Iowans adjusted to life during the COVID-19 pandemic, ISU Extension and Outreach continued to prioritize health and safety as we delivered research-based education to the people of Warren County. During 2021 we focused on the following efforts.

- Healthy Aging Series
- Healthy Relationship Education
- ServSafe Food Safety
- COVID Vaccine Education Information
- Commercial and Private Pesticide Courses



Showcasing 4-H at the Warren County Fair

The Warren County Fair returned in 2021, providing the opportunity for youth to demonstrate what they learned through their 4-H project work over the past year. Over 450 static exhibits entered in the 2021 Warren County Fair.

Youth Education

Warren County focused their efforts to providing eight in-person day camps and two grab and go camp kits. Over 120 youth were able to participate in these camps learning about a variety of topics from animal agriculture to robots and programming.

Warren County youth also had the opportunity to participate in four Babysitting Basics clinics throughout the county, Kitchen Craft Workshops, BBQ School, Mindful Teens, Read Across Iowa, livestock workshops, and many other learning opportunities occurred throughout 2021.



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Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach, Warren County has been Engaging Iowans in Addressing **Mental Health**. We have addressed mental health by providing educational experiences in areas such as *Powerful Tools for Care Givers*; *Grief and Loss: What to Expect* as well as *Mindful Teens*. We trained our staff on *QPR* and *Mental Health First Aid* and promoted Iowa Concern Hotline and Teen Hotline to the public.

Another program Warren County clients had the opportunity to take part in was the online series for Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS-3). It is used nationally to document high quality childcare in center/preschool settings. There were 11 participants in the online series offered during April/May. Following the program, 100% of participants were able to identify specific strengths, limitations, and development of a workable improvement plan.

Warren County Extension offered three food safety courses during 2021. Safe Foods for a Healthy Future was provided to four child care providers, the ServSafe® Manager course consisted of ten participants with eight passing the exam to become Certified Food Protection Managers. Preserve the Taste of Summer 101 was offered in September to four participants to learn basics on preserving food safely when canning, freezing, and dehydrating.

ISU Extension and Outreach Warren County is determined to help Iowans help each other. Looking ahead to 2022, we will once again engage Warren County citizens in addressing mental health by offering an in-person *Mental Health First Aid* course and additional virtual trainings centered around mental well-being from MindSpring.

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