

**N.W. District**  
**2008 4-H Youth Development P.A.C. Issue Identification**

**Life Skill Development**

More specific project club offerings (cooking, sewing, photography, horticulture, leisure arts)  
(AL)

Farm Safety Day for children. (BL)

More Ag in the Classroom programming in the classroom. (BL)

Provide leadership and knowledge in 4-H youth agricultural project areas (both plant and animal).  
(EL)

Recruit and certify a livestock judging team coach and establish regular county livestock judging  
team practices. (GF)

When conducting workshops on trainings related to project work, emphasize the skills learned  
rather than the awards or competitive aspects. (LG) Trainings need to be educational as well as  
fun and could be held in non-competitive environment such as outdoor days, tours, field trips,  
etc. (WW)

Youth Spending habits – handling of money, credit, and budgeting. (TX)

Workshops/trainings on different project areas to appeal to a wider range of youth. (WD)

**Health and Wellness**

Increase awareness of nutritional needs and habits related to food intake. (EL) Obesity and  
overall health of youth. (GF) (TX)

Increased need for exercise in all ages of youth and families. (EL)

Underage drinking and driving. (GF)

Continuing use of tobacco products by youth. (GF)

## **Environmental Education**

Need more meeting/practice sites for shooting sports project members (in Vici and Leedeey areas). (DW)

Provide more leadership and educational activities for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. (EL)

Conduct subject matter related Volunteer Training on water quality, environmental awareness, and solid waste that they can use with local club. (KY)

Work with other organizations to hold collection day for unwanted chemicals, recycling of trash, and adopt a road or highway. (WD)

## **Science and Technology**

Continuing GPS training with older members and encouraging them to teach at their local clubs. (GT) Provide training on GPS/GIS, web development, presentations and image and video applications. (KF)

Have more workshops available to 4-Hers through county and state websites. (KY)

Kids need more technology training than they are getting in school, i.e. how to do PowerPoint, Digital photos, GPS. (TX)

## **Leadership and Community Development**

Need more community service projects that all older youth can participate in. (AL) More community service. (WD)

Lack of adult and youth leadership and, in turn, community involvement. (BV)

Need leadership training for youth. (BL)

## **Marketing and Visibility**

More activities for youth 13 and older to encourage them to stay active in 4-H. (AL) (LG) (TX) (WD) (WW)

Lack of visibility of the 4-H program; as a result enrollment is low. (BV) More visibility of 4-H activities. (DW) Individuals don't know how to get involved in 4-H. (TX)

Target (three) elementary schools for after school programming and summer programs. (GF)

Develop ways to reach high risk behavior children in the 4-H program and youth activities. (HP)

Provide leadership opportunities for all youth in county. (HP)

More activities for boys. Focus on 11-12 year old programming to retain membership. (KY)

Promote teens "Reach One – Teach One". (KY) Mentor younger 4-H members with older 4-H members. (WD)

More 4-H visibility locally. (KY)

Expand 4-H promotion to more 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms in the coming year. (WD)

Need to continue to offer the variety of workshops in the summer with the summer internship program. This variety brings in new interest in the 4-H program and draws a new crowd. (WW)

## **Volunteer Leadership Development**

More Volunteers that can address specific project clubs. (AL) (EL) More interested and motivated adult volunteers who can provide leadership in diverse project areas. (WD)

Need more officer, adult, and community leader trainings. (BV) (GF) (MJ)

Keeping 4-H volunteers. (BL)

Getting new volunteers. (BL) Developing more volunteers. (HP) (KF) (MJ) (TX)

Better communication between Extension Service (at all levels) and leaders/volunteers. (DW)

Teach volunteers to structure and organize a good local club meeting. (EL) (WW) More organized 4-H meetings. (KF) Meetings more “hands on”. (TX) More effectively managed club meetings. (WD)

Volunteer leader and parent meetings designed for leadership skill development. (EL) Need for more project training for volunteers. (KF)

Need for teens to be involved in yearly planning, training, and events. (KY)

Continue the current involvement and recruitment procedures of families. (WW)

Have shared leadership for local club management and involve many parents in club activities. (WW)

Continue the procedure of keeping the county internet site up to date with forms and information available for all members and families. (WW)

Continue including leader updates/trainings in newsletters and mailings cutting down on volunteer meetings. (WW)

## **Other areas of need**

Need to retain members (especially older members). (GT)

Parents need to be more involved with members. (GT) (TX)

Program for parents and 4-Hers about what is right or wrong when it comes to project work and competitive events. Building character in youth. (LG) Ethics training – character counts. (TX)

Youth are home alone. (TX)

Need separate Junior and Senior club meetings where meetings can be more project geared and specific age appropriate. (TX)

## **State and District Related Needs**

District and State trainings for 4-H members that don't have Shooting Sports Certified instructors in their county. (DW) More shooting sports leadership and training workshops. (EL)

More 4-H promotional pamphlets. (BV)

Public relations training. (BV)

More district and state volunteer meetings. (BL)

Inservice on Farm Safety for children. (BL)

Need for more cooking schools and exercise training. List of national health and fitness events and contact information. (EL)

Promote and develop Commercial Stocker Pen contest curriculum. (EL)

Assistance from 4-H Youth Livestock Specialist to assist with judging standards and information including resources for viewing of animals. (GF)

Grant money needed to purchase educational materials on underage drinking and driving, use of tobacco products, and obesity and overall health of youth. (GF)

Streamline the paper work for certified volunteers. (LG)

Development of training and promotional materials to assist leaders and educators. (LG)

Have curriculum that ties senior 4-H project work to future career development and post high school education. (LG)

Some type of new recognition program (not necessarily monetary) that gives teen 4-Hers something to work towards and not limited as to the number receiving recognition. (LG)

Need to update curriculum for Oklahoma 4-H project work. (LG)

Develop new project curriculum to replace old and fill voids. (LG)

Provide leader training on new and updated project manuals and curriculum when each comes available. (LG)

Extension staff (beyond related Impact Team) need 4-H technology project training – digital photos, PowerPoint, GPS, Geocaching, online research. (TX)

Educator trainings needed in the following areas:

- Drug trends and awareness for identification and prevention
- Self mutilation by youth
- Training and preparing teens for camp counselor roles
- Marketing and Public Relations of programs/organizations