

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 4-H PAC SUMMARY – November 2007

Expanding the 4-H Program

Issue/Need Identified	# of counties reporting	Resources and Support needed		
		County	District	State
Expanding the 4-H Program				
Need to increase 4-H Enrollment by reaching new and diverse audiences (including cloverbuds) in the county in addition to retaining current membership	3	Schools Chambers of Commerce		
Need to become more competitive with other youth groups for participation and membership	2			
More volunteers are needed for 4-H and other community events, however many individuals don't have time to participate in training	1			
4-H Promotional programs are needed in each community	1			
Project Clubs are needed	1			
In school and after school programs are needed	1			
Increase awareness of 4-H through promotion of web site as a source of information, media, etc.	1			
Traditional 4-H programs are needed at specialized locations like HUD Kid's Café sites	1			
Members who are involved in a specific project tend to stay in the program longer than those that just go to meetings. More guidance is needed in directing members toward project work rather than just membership	1			
Recruiting and Training New Volunteers				
More volunteers (including non-traditional volunteers) are needed to meet needs of county 4-H members	3			
Need to train certified volunteers on identification of needs and development of job descriptions	5			
Volunteers do not attend training that is offered	4			
Local leaders need training on how to recruit new	3			Core Materials

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leaders and helpers				
Cloverbud volunteers need training on developmentally appropriate activities for young children	1			
Club management, including new IRS rules and other reports	1			
Web Page development and use – how members and leaders can help with events and photos	1			
Need training on development of promotional items such as news releases, flyers, etc	1			
Need training on working with Native American and Hispanic Audiences	1			
Partnerships with Other Agencies				
Increase access of resources and visibility for 4-H and other youth by partnering with other agencies	3			
Summer Youth programs offered by other educational groups	1	Community and County leaders Civic Groups Schools		
Churches in ethnically and economically diverse areas	1			

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Leadership and Volunteer Development

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Local/County Issues				
Overwhelmed new volunteers who lack 4-H background lack confidence and need training	3	Handbook, Parent Guide, Newsletter County Training	District Volunteer Meeting	State Volunteer Meeting
Need for traveling 4-H workshops to reach all areas of county	2	Identify individuals with skills needed for specific workshops		
State Round-up moving to end of summer will affect participation	1			
Training program for project leaders is needed (project information, subject matter and organizational management)	4			
Organizational Leaders and Community volunteers need more training	2	More locations for training within county		
Parents have information (Policy 5, etc), but don't use it	1			
Better communication needed from county office to members and parents	1			
Training Needs				
Ideas for Day Camps	1		In-service	In-service
Specific project related or subject matter training (horse, shooting sports, etc.) for leaders	1			
Org. Management training for volunteers	1			
Potential Audiences/Partnerships				
Veteran Volunteers Less Experienced Volunteers Parents	1			

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Health and Wellness

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Local/County Issues				
Promote exercise and well being for youth	3	Local Businesses		
Teen Suicide, Teen Pregnancy, Teen Parenting	2			
School programs on health & wellness and youth health fairs are needed	2			
Childhood Obesity	1			
Improve decision-making skills	1			
Training Needs				
Question, Persuade and Refer Training	1	Kiowa Injury Prevention Coordinator		
First Aid and CPR Training for all volunteers	2	Red Cross		
Potential Audiences/Partnerships				
County Interagency Council	1			
Parent Child Connections	1			

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Science and Technology

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Local/County Issues				
Youth need more opportunities for hands-on science activities	2	School administration & teachers Volunteers for Project Club		GPS/GIS Units Program Materials & Literature
Need ways to tie technology and other project work together	3			
Careers in Science and Technology	1			
Training Needs				
Project-specific training and in-service	1			State 4-H Office Staff
Potential Audiences/Partnerships				
Local Technology Centers	1			
All youth	1			
GeoEye as a potential source of GIS volunteers	1			

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Environmental Education

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Local/County Issues				
Youth have lost the sense of social-environmental responsibility and need to develop a “service orientation” through programs like community gardens, recycling programs, etc	3	County Commissioners NRCS		
Outdoor classrooms are needed	2			
Need ways to tie technology and environmental programs together	2			
Drinking water supplies are becoming a huge issue in some areas	1			Aqua Times
Water conservation, erosion and water quality	1	Water Model		Aqua times training
Training Needs				
Junior Master Gardener	3			
Blue Thumb Water Monitoring	1			
Updates on materials	1			
Potential Audiences/Partnerships				
GeoEye as a potential source of GIS volunteers	1			

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4-H Afterschool

Issue/Need Identified	# of counties reporting	Resources and Support needed		
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Local/County Issues				
Afterschool staff need training to use school enrichment and 4-H materials	1			
Training Needs				
Subject matter that can be used with the program	1			
Potential Audiences/Partnerships				
Military Afterschool programs	1			
County public school Afterschool programs	1			

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4-H Marketing and Visibility

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Local/County Issues				
Need displays, posters, etc for local clubs to use during 4-H Month	2			
Increase 4-H visibility in county and state	3			
Encourage more media coverage of 4-H	1			
Training Needs				
Methods of communication for volunteers and educators	1			
4-H promotion and recruitment	1			
Benefits 4-H can provide in the future	1			
Potential Audiences/Partnerships				
Public school system	1			
Churches	1			

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Local/County Issues				
Youth Adult Partnerships	1	Teen Suicide Prevention Grant Riverside Indian School		EYSC5 Grant BLT Curriculum
Retention of teen members/teen leader groups	2			
EYSC5	1			
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for youth	1			
Develop leadership skills in pre-teens and teens	2			
Focus on Community service/service learning	1			
Youth mentoring program that matches teens with younger members to provide one-one assistance with understanding events/activities, record keeping, etc.	1			
Training Needs				
Expectations of 4-H members	1			
Potential Audiences/Partnerships				
Youth involved in other organizations	1			