



4-H Youth Development: Investing in South Carolina's Future

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The South Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach, the involvement of caring adults, and the knowledge and resources of Clemson University and the land grant university system to empower youth to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society.



Who We Serve

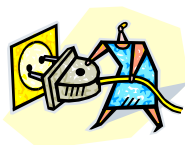
- Youth, grades K-12, from suburban, urban, and rural areas
- Volunteers, parents, teachers, community leaders, and other adults who work with youth



How We Reach Our Audiences

4-H offers youth fun, safe, and inclusive learning environments to meet their need for belonging, such as:

- 4-H Clubs
- After School Programs
- Special Interest & Short-Term Programs
- School Enrichment Programs
- Camping



Methods We Use

- Experiential Learning (learn by doing)
- Youth-Adult Partnerships
- Fun curriculum materials and activities such as contests & events
- Service learning
- Collaborations with other youth-serving agencies & organizations

Major Programs We Emphasize

4-H provides youth the opportunity to explore a variety of topics and to master the knowledge and skills they learn. Program focus areas include:

Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Stewardship

Science, Technology, & Engineering

Healthy Lifestyles

Leadership, Personal Development, & Citizenship



The Difference We Make

Youth develop important life skills and gain workforce preparation and developmental assets such as:

- Communication skills
- Organizational abilities
- Wise decision-making skills
- Independence & self-confidence
- Respect and caring for others & the community



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