





## LGUs and Extension

Land-grant universities are assigned a tripartite mission by the federal government: to teach, to conduct research, and to provide service to communities.

UF/IFAS Extension exists in all 67 counties to expand the reach of the University of Florida into all communities.

**4-H** is the youth development component of UF/IFAS Extension and the world's largest youth development organization.



# UF/IFAS Florida 4-H

### **4-H is:**

The positive youth development program of the Land-Grant University system. For more than 100 years, 4-H has welcomed young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better.

#### Florida 4-Hers are:

200,000 youth ages 5-18 led by trained volunteers, staff, and UF IFAS Extension Faculty. Florida seeks to reach **300,000** youth by 2025.

### Youth Participate in 4-H in:

Schools, communities, residential camps, afterschool programs, family settings, partner organizations, etc.



## 4-H Pathways

4-H Pathways serves 4-H's goal to reach **10 million youth by 2025** by ensuring that the program reflects the **diversity of the nation** and embraces the kind of **organizational change** and **innovation** that will be required to succeed.

#### <u>UF 4-H Team</u>:

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## 4-H Pathways Project

### THE OBJECTIVE

Connecting the research and resources of the University of Florida and direct support organizations to optimize the development, delivery and evaluation of 4-H programs delivered through 67 UF/IFAS county Extension offices and our partners.

Strategic engagement with departments across campus to create win-win partnerships to bring the best of our LGU to the youth of Florida!



## What We've Done

Youth Artificial Intelligence Curriculum

Working with UF Health Cancer Center Researchers to better understand vaping in teens.

Agricultural Workforce Readiness Grant with Agriculture Education and Communications and FAMU

Lastinger Center piloting program with Osceola County

UF Center for Online Innovation and Production assistance with creation of online based volunteer training



# Initial Conversations with..

College of Education College of Engineering Dr. Alison Reynolds, UF Writing Program (RE: Design Thinking) Thompson Earth Systems Institute UF Admissions UF Center for Precollegiate Education and Training UF Center for Teaching Excellence



## Your Involvement

Helping us connect to relevant faculty and programs in your colleges, contact us: Stacey Ellison, UF/IFAS Extension Florida 4-H Associate State Program Leader <u>staceye@ufl.edu</u> Mike Gutter, UF/IFAS Extension Associate Dean for Extension <u>msgutter@ufl.edu</u> Chris Hass, Associate Provost <u>cjhass@aa.ufl.edu</u>

Community engagement work = We have access to Extension faculty and youth ages 5-18 in all parts of the state, and a large national network.





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