4-H Youth Development Program

Staffing Plan

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Charge

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*Develop a management structure for the 4-H Youth Development Program to achieve program goals.*

To answer the question:

”As a Flagship program of UCANR, what does the future of the program look like?”
Strategic Themes of 4-H YDP
from 2018 4-H Strategic Plan

- Strengthen Access, Equity, and Participation
- Advance Youth Development, Research, and Extension
- Increase Opportunities for Meaningful Youth Engagement
- Improve Organizational Infrastructure

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4-H Performance Criteria

The Future Vision of the CA 4-H YDP

1. 4-H contributes to the development of a qualified workforce, healthy people and communities, and an inclusive and equitable society.
2. More than 3% of the youth population in California are engaged in 4-H programs.
3. The program is in parity with all racial and ethnic groups.
4. To meet the needs and interests of young people, 4-H offers a variety of programs.
5. Measure and achieve high levels of volunteer satisfaction and retention.
6. Measure and achieve high levels of staff and advisor job satisfaction and retention.
7. Every county has access to youth development research and expertise.
8. Address emergent and critical issues affecting California’s youth, families, and communities.
9. Sufficient funding is available to sustain, strengthen, and grow 4-H.
10. Ensure effective coordination and consistency of program administration and management.
Staffing Model Concept 2 (edited 9/28/19)

4-H Research to Practice Academics conduct applied research, extension, and program development to inform the 4-H system through expertise in critical and emerging issues throughout California.

1. Latino Youth Development
2. Community Development
3. Healthy Living
4. STEM
5. Civic Engagement & Leadership
6. Positive Youth Development
7. College & Career Readiness
8. Agriculture Education
9. Camping, Outdoor Education, & Natural Resources
10. Volunteer Development

- County-based Advisors & Regional 4-H Program Supervisor housed in select counties
Role and Responsibility: State Director

State 4-H Director: 1 FTE

- Program Authority and Monitoring
- Academic Program Oversight, Vision and Leadership
- Supervise the Statewide Managers
- Programmatic supervision of 4-H Youth Development Advisors
Role and Responsibility

County Director:

• Authority to direct local programming.
• Remedy personnel / interpersonal issues among CES and employees in the office.
• County Oversight, Advisor Administrative Supervisor and Authority.
• County Leadership and Promotion with External Stakeholders.
Role and Responsibility

4-H Advisor: 20 FTE

- Physically situated in a county UCCE Office.
- Statewide academic expertise in critical and emergent issues.
  - All counties have access to expertise regardless of geographic location.
- Direct applied research and program development aligned with Statewide and Division Priorities.
- Curriculum development and selection.
- Professional development of CES around academic expertise in critical and emergent issues.
Role and Responsibility

Statewide 4-H Program Managers: 2 FTE *(CE Supervisor 2)*

- Collaborate with the Statewide 4-H Director and Regional 4-H Program Coordinators on short/long-term planning.
- Conduct needs assessments to ensure alignment of statewide programming delivered at the local level to increase consistency and efficiencies.
- Provide direct leadership and supervision to the Regional 4-H Program Coordinators through training and support.
- Manage the delivery and development of the 4-H Youth Development Program, including professional/volunteer development, evaluation, policy, and enrollment.
- Work with CE academics to implement applied research and programs statewide.
Role and Responsibility

Regional 4-H Program Coordinators: 12 FTE (CE Supervisor 1)

• Responsible for growth and development of the program in consolation with State Director and State 4-H Program Mangers.

• Provide direct leadership and supervision to CES II positions through training and support.

• Be the conduit between the advisors’ work and CES’ work (i.e., research to practice / practice to research).

• Manage conflict resolution and policy interpretations.

• Lead in planning and local implementation of programs in the geographic area.

• Develop and manage budgets to support staffing costs and program needs.
Role and Responsibility

Regional 4-H Program Coordinators: Cont.

- Support staff in ongoing program delivery, program expansion and development, volunteer recruitment, conflict management, policy and compliance.
- Increase consistency and efficiencies across the region.
- Professional Development for CES 2’s on policy, execution of mission, delivery models.
- Appropriate authority given for oversight of finances, name and emblem, use agreements, policy decisions, etc. to reduce CD and Advisor involvement.
- Ensure County Directors and Advisors are informed of changes in policy.
Role and Responsibility

County Community Education Specialist 2:

• County level focus.

• Responsible for growth and development of the program in consolation with Regional 4-H Program Coordinator.

• Recruiting, developing and supporting program extenders (volunteers) to provide education/programs to youth.

• Move beyond club delivery with 25 % of FTE focused on program growth and development with outreach to new audiences via expansion.

• Liaison between UC programming and new partners to facilitate information and provide resources.
Regional Staff Coordinators
Academic Expertise

Associate Director of Research (UC Davis)
Kali Trzesniewski

Cooperative Extension Specialist (UC Davis)
Martin Smith
How plan supports

*The Future Vision of the CA 4-H YDP*

1. 4-H contributes to the development of a qualified workforce, healthy people and communities, and an inclusive and equitable society.
   a. 4-H academics (Advisors, Specialists and Academic Coordinators) work will be guided by critical and emergent issues facing young people in California.

2. More than 3% of the youth population in California are engaged in 4-H programs.
   a. Adding additional positions reduces workload for everyone, therefore allowing for all individuals in the 4-H YDP to develop a niche / expertise which will create opportunities for greater program growth and impact.

3. Increase ethnic and racial diversity in 4-H programs.
   a. Program extenders and participants reflect the demographic make-up of the counties they are in.

4. Ensure all youth have access and opportunities to be involved in high quality programs.
   a. The work of academics around critical and emergent issues facing young people in California with be aligned to Regional Program Managers and County CES positions to link research and practice such that 4-H programs become our living laboratory for information transfer.
How plan supports
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5. Measure and achieve high levels of volunteer satisfaction and retention.
   a. Volunteers in each county will have access to:
      i. 4-H CES II.
      ii. More coordination and training.
      iii. Better access to Advisor expertise and applied research (i.e., curriculum).

6. Measure and achieve high levels of staff and advisor job satisfaction and retention.
   a. Allows Advisors to focus on Research and Extension.
   b. Allows for professional growth of CES 2’s.
   c. Allows all employees to develop expertise and focused work.

7. Every county has access to youth development research and expertise.
   a. By eliminating county boundaries, 4-H Advisors will be situated to better address critical and emergent issues for all of California.
   b. Helps Advisor expand / scale programs to wider audience.
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8. Address emergent and critical issues affecting California’s youth, families, and communities.
   a) 4-H academics (Advisors, Specialists and Academic Coordinators) work will be guided by critical and emergent issues facing young people in California:
      i. Animal and Plant Agriculture Science
      ii. Camping, Outdoor Education, & Natural Resources
      iii. Civic Engagement & Leadership
      iv. College & Career Readiness
      v. Community Engagement and Development
      vi. Ethnic and Racial Identity Development
      vii. Healthy Living
      viii. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
      ix. Volunteer Educator Engagement and Development
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9. Sufficient funding is available to sustain, strengthen, and grow 4-H.
   a. Invest in State Program Manager and Regional Program Manager positions.
      i. Investment allows redistribution of work.
      1. Redistribution of work allows for additional time and effort to focus on program growth and development.

10. Ensure effective coordination and consistency of program administration and management.
    a. Consistency across State in areas of administration and policy.
    b. Releases administrative burden of County Directors for the 4-H YDP.
    c. Supervision, reporting, and program administration works with or without an Advisor located in the area.
    d. Allows for better communication across the continuum.
    e. Technology would not require anyone to relocate.
Committee Membership

- Shannon Horrillo, Statewide 4-H Director (Co-Chair)
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