

What is positive youth development?

Youth development is the process of growing up and developing one's capacities in positive ways. This typically takes place in the context of the family, the peer group, the school, and the neighborhood or community.

As the youth development program of the Cooperative Extension System of land-grant universities, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization, empowering six million young people throughout the United States.

4-H Mission | *4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.*

4-H Vision | *A world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change.*



Are you a caring adult?

Be a catalyst for positive change!

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Youth Development Volunteer Opportunities

4-H Club Organizational Leader:

Adults who are organized and enjoy working with children between the ages of 5-19, may consider serving as a 4-H club leader. The club leader typically plans the club's activities for the upcoming year, serves as liaison with the CCE office, involves parents and keeps them informed about county programs and events, encourages member and parent participation in local 4-H activities, and attends regular trainings. 4-H clubs should have more than one leader. The role of an organizational leader is typically a long-term position, lasting a year or more.



4-H Project Leader:

Project leaders often serve on a short-term basis to assist one or more 4-H clubs with a specific subject matter and/or provide a special interest program focusing on a specific skill or subject. For those volunteers who have a talent or skill to share, but have limited time, **servi**ng as a 4-H project leader is a great opportunity.

4-H Support Volunteer:

Parents and community members are needed for a variety of program support positions including but not limited to:

- * Event Chaperones
- * Grant Writing / Fundraising
- * Office Support / Administrative

4-H Public Presentations Evaluator:

4-H Public Presentations provides a unique opportunity for youth to develop self-confidence, learn to express ideas clearly, respond spontaneously to questions, and gain subject matter knowledge through a progressive series of communication activities. Adult volunteers are needed to help evaluate youth presentations. Training is provided.



4-H Fundraising: An opportunity to support 4-H and CCE through short-term volunteering. Individuals are needed to help plan and execute individual fundraising activities. This could involve a one-time commitment up to an opportunity for longer involvement.

4-H Fair Judge: Adults are always needed to serve as evaluators at the Youth Fair and other events. Volunteer judges should be skilled in the subject matter that they are evaluating, able to effectively communicate with children, and understand the 4-H philosophy and the Danish System of recognition.

4-H After School: Help to engage youth in an after school setting using university-sourced curricula to promote positive youth development.

