



Agriculture

Jerry Clark | Agriculture Educator

Planning for the North American Manure Expo. The goal is to provide education for current methods for farmers, farm managers, their families and agriculture professionals the best management methods and new technology available to apply manure as crop nutrients to replace commercial fertilizer.



Podcasts developed for farmers interested in growing industries where farmers learned current research to understand hemp production and marketing practices and potentially increase crop portfolio profit.

A training program for private applicators where participants learned about safe handling and application of restricted-use pesticides to protect themselves and the environment.

An educational program for farmers and lake property owners where participants learned about implementation of conservation practices on farms and property to improve and protect ground and surface water.

Community Development

Addison Vang | Community Development Educator

Collaborate with local Chippewa Valley organizations on a grant to provide educational farm workshops specifically on the importance of a hand wash station in partnership with the Farmers Union, Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, and Black and Brown Womyn Coalition to engage with the underserved Hmong and BiPOC farmers. DATCP presented on food washing safety and the Farmers Union talked about the new Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) Program. The goal was to learn how to best support the underserved BiPOC farmers through a series of workshops. All participants built and left with a portable hand wash station.



An educational workshop in partnership with the Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association to engage with the underserved Hmong farmers in the Chippewa Valley. The goal was to learn how to best support the underserved Hmong farmers in a focus group locally and at the state level.



Health and Well-Being

Sandy Tarter | FoodWise Coordinator

A collaborative effort with Chronic Disease Prevention Action Teams under the Eau Claire Healthy Communities, Health Dunn Right, and Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership coalitions to promote diabetes awareness by sharing a prediabetes risk assessment flier through our Chippewa Valley communities. This effort helps promote community engagement in the reduction of chronic diseases and responds to the needs identified on the community health assessments.

A collaborative effort with Mayo Health System providers and St. Francesca Resource Center to implement a program that screens for chronic diseases and connects people to healthy food and nutrition education at a food pantry. This program aims to promote healthy eating and active living as action steps to reduce chronic diseases.

Monthly meetings with the Chronic Disease Prevention Action Teams under the Eau Claire Healthy Communities, Health Dunn Right, and Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership coalitions. This effort helps guide the action teams in providing community awareness and activities concerning healthy food access, food security, and increased physical activity for local families.

A series of statewide strength training sessions (StrongBodies) where older adults learn best practices along with nutrition and health education. Participants engage in regular strength training exercises to improve strength, balance, and flexibility so they can stay healthy and socially connected.

A collaborative effort with Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership- Chronic Disease Prevention Action Team and multiple local agencies to promote our 2023 On the Go in the Snow-Chippewa Winter Challenge. The goal of this effort is to help promote community engagement and to explore the unique opportunities for physical fitness this time of year, along with stress reduction action steps to reduce chronic diseases.

A significant effort in time and leadership to onboarding our new nutrition educator and planning FoodWise programming with local partners. This effort will enhance relationship building with staff and reinstate in-person programming in Chippewa County.





Horticulture

Margaret Murphy | Horticulture Educator

A community of practice meeting winter 2022-spring 2023 for educators working with outdoor youth programs where we explore ways and resources to ensure all youth can flourish in the outdoors. The goal of participating in this group is to dig into ways we can locally continue to grow and enhance our youth gardening programs to include a multifaceted approach that embraces more nature / environment based topics.



Four sections of an online Lab component for the 2022 Foundations in Gardening (previously Foundations in Horticulture) course where participants from the Foundations in Gardening course (home gardeners) apply what they learned from the Foundations course through interactive activities. This effort is designed to encourage best horticultural practices in Wisconsin for better environmental outcomes.

An online course for consumer audiences (home gardeners) where participants learned fundamental knowledge of Wisconsin horticulture with an emphasis in Integrated Pest Management. The goal is to increase decision-making and problem-solving skills, improve the productivity / health of gardens and landscapes, and to implement gardening practices that have a positive impact on the environment.

Planning for a statewide webinar series for consumer horticulture audiences where participants will learn about pollinator decline, climate change and environmental contamination and pollution. The goal of this effort is to increase adoption of horticultural practices addressing identified environmental issues in Wisconsin.

Human Development and Relationships

Jeanne Walsh | Human Development and Relationships Educator

A Financial Coaching program for qualifying justice involved individuals where participants learn how to create financial goals and gain money management skills. The goals of this program are to increase financial goals attainment and financial capability for long term financial success.

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Planning for Chippewa County Landlord Forum. Meetings to develop, provide, and assess a landlord education and resource workshop. The goal of this 2-hour workshop will be to provide eviction prevention and safe rental practices to landlords.

Planning meetings to develop, provide, and assess a community resiliency program, Chippewa Strong, which is designed to bring resiliency by promoting wellness resources and activities for families in Chippewa County. The goal is to increase family resiliency through 2, day-long and in-person community wide events.

A 1-session in person workshop, held at the Chippewa Falls Public Library, to provide community members information on how to save money using a slow cooker. The goal is to increase the financial resources of families by utilizing common appliances to stretch their money spent on food.

A 4-day financial coaching workshop (A/4 Financial Coaching Foundations online course) for financial professionals/educators to learn and practice coaching techniques for assisting clients in reaching financial goals.

A Re-Entry Coaching program for Chippewa County Jail inmates that focuses on setting achievable short- and long-term goals in order to be successful in the community. The goals of this program are to increase the financial, relationship, and well-being goal attainment for long term community reintegration by goal setting.

A 6-session course for renters where participants learn how to find and apply for rental housing, understand their responsibilities as a renter, how to communicate effectively with their landlords, and manage housing expenses. Through this, homeless populations and those who have negative rental records are able to increase their ability to find and keep safe affordable housing, thereby increasing their stability and decreasing their reliance on public support.

Positive Youth Development

Heidi Vanderloop Benson | 4-H Program Educator

Planning for a virtual series of classes for youth where youth learn new food preparation and life skills. The goal of this effort is to help youth continue 4-H Project Learning while from the convenience and safety of their own kitchen.

Planning for a 4-H Art U series for 4-H and other local families in three counties proceeded in cooperation with staff from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The goal of this 6 session hybrid activity is to give local youth, in grades in Kindergarten through 12th, the chance to work in age-appropriate break out rooms with college students who are art educators and to show their best work on the college campus at the end of the series.





Extension

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A meeting for the 4-H Leaders Association where adult and youth 4-H Leaders gather to plan and discuss events and programming for the 4-H membership to provide a common space and time to discuss and connect.

A dairy project meeting for youth, where youth determined learning activities for the upcoming project year to participate in project based learning opportunities in dairy including Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging.

Planning for a new goat project committee for 4-H youth in collaboration with adult volunteers. The goal of this effort is to meet the needs of a sizable increase in the project so that there is life skill development and project based learning available.

Continued meetings and conversations for 4-H youth and adult volunteers surrounding visioning of the Quality Meats program. This effort is designed to support youth adult partnerships and youth voice in the meat animal project.

Development of a hands-on project learning day called Clover College for youth and families, where they learn about various 4-H projects and meet others with similar interests. The purpose of this effort is to broaden participants' experiences, increase project skills, and encourage youth and adult partnerships.