The State of Family and Consumer Sciences in Ohio
Preface

Purpose
The purpose of a program review is to guide program development on a continual basis. A program review is a process that evaluates the status, effectiveness, and progress of programs and helps identify future direction and priorities. Program reviews are a standard practice in youth development programs (Roth & Brooks-Gunn, 2016) and higher education (Halonen & Dunn, 2017). The Ohio State University Extension family and consumer sciences program review is a voluntary practice for self-study and external review.

The Review Includes Five Elements
- The State of Family and Consumer Sciences in Ohio
- Ohio State University Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Self Study
- Ohio State University Extension Crowdsourcing Insight Summary – Family and Consumer Sciences
- External committee visits and final report
- Key stakeholder communication throughout the process

Context
Ohio State University Extension embarked upon a multi-year effort to build the Extension organization of the future in (year). That journey began with the Vice President’s Conversation on the Future of Extension. The overall goal of that effort was to ensure that OSU Extension remains relevant and responsive to the needs of Ohioans well into the future.

Data gathered through the Vice President’s Conversation was used as a foundation for a designEXT effort to put ideas into action. One of the designEXT steps includes partnering with individuals and communities to co-create multi-faceted solutions for current and emerging issues.

The OSU Extension Family and Consumer Sciences review is the fourth in a series of OSU Extension program reviews. The first two reviews included 4-H youth development and community development. Family and consumer sciences and agriculture and natural resources program reviews are being conducted simultaneously to complete the series. This project timing coincides with a national search for a new associate dean and director of Extension.

Our land-grant mission –
OSU Extension delivers knowledge from Ohio State to every county in Ohio, and we work WITH people right where they live to strengthen their own lives and communities.

(excerpt from OSU Extension Interim Director Update, Jackie Kirby Wilkins – August 2019)

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Introduction
The subject area of family and consumer sciences (FCS) is broad and comprises several subject areas, but ultimately it is committed to the promotion and education of people to live stable and healthy lives from birth to death.

Family and Consumer Sciences Definition
The Alliance for Family and Consumer Sciences defines the work of FCS as the comprehensive body of skills, research, and knowledge that helps people make informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life. The field represents many areas, including human development, personal and family finance, housing and interior design, food science, nutrition, and wellness, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues (https://www.aafcs.org/allianceforfcs/home).

While the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences defines family and consumer sciences as the field of study focused on the science and the art of living and working well in a complex world (https://www.aafcs.org/about/about-us/what-is-fcs), the organization characterizes the field using the model below.
The National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences adopts a value statement about the work of Extension family and consumer sciences professionals.

To provide families with evidence- and science-based programs, enabling them to improve their family’s well-being in health, financial management, food and nutrition, food safety, healthy homes and environments, family life and technology, improving their daily lives and creating vibrant communities in which they live. [https://www.neafcs.org/mission-vision-creed](https://www.neafcs.org/mission-vision-creed)

The theoretical framework underlying family and consumer sciences-focused Extension was described in the 2015 report, Analysis of the Value of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension in the North Central Region.

Family and consumer sciences in Extension uses the Bronfenbrenner’s Human Ecological System Theory as the theoretical basis of its work — a theory that explicitly recognizes that individuals develop within the contexts of family, communities, and society, and that their developmental outcomes are influenced through interactions with these various contexts.

![Bronfenbrenner model](https://example.com/bbronfenbrenner.png)


The Bronfenbrenner model truly captures the essence of Extension family and consumer sciences (FCS) work. The Extension FCS professional is committed to meeting people where they live, learn, work, pray and play throughout the lifespan to support the goal of living and working well in a complex world. The work over time has broadened from traditional home economics to a modern discipline that covers many areas that have been part of the field since its inception, and others which reflect the growing recognition of the importance of social, emotional and economic issues to the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

**Models of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension**

The areas of focus and implementation differ across the spectrum of Extension systems, often based on funding and capacity but, in general there are three key areas:

- Food Nutrition and Health
- Family and Human Development
- Family Resource Management
Family and consumer sciences in Extension crosses all levels of the human ecological system and the lifespan and has a significant interface with the other areas within Extension at land-grant universities: agriculture and natural resources, community development, and 4-H youth development. Professionals in each of the different areas of Extension work synergistically to develop and deliver programming across subject areas and audiences.

**Approaches and Classifications in Ohio**
Ohio’s Extension family and consumer sciences program is comprised of all three model areas. They are designated by:

- Healthy People
- Healthy Relationships
- Healthy Finances

Delivery of topics across the state varies by geographic location of staff, needs and requests by local stakeholder groups and knowledge specialty of staff. However, where Extension FCS is located, there is an effort to offer core programming in each area through collaboration with community partners, state and field specialists and other Extension program areas.

**Select Demographics in Ohio**
Ohio’s 2019 population estimate is currently 11,689,442. The median age is 39.4 years, 17 percent of the population is over age 65, 22.1 percent are under the age of 18, and 5.9 percent are under age 5.

**Race/Ethnicity**
Minorities comprise 21 percent of Ohio’s population:

- Hispanic 4%
- Other 3%
- Asian 2%
- African American 12%
- White 79%

**Population Distribution**
- 80 percent of Ohioans live in metropolitan areas.
- 31 percent of Ohio’s population live in the four northeast metropolitan areas: Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown, and Canton.
- 22 percent live in the three southwest metropolitan areas: Cincinnati, Dayton, and Springfield.
- Central Ohio, which consists of the Columbus metro area, has nearly 18 percent of the population.
- The Appalachian hills of southeastern Ohio are the least densely populated area of the state.

Households/Families
- 28 percent of households consist of families with children. Nationally, the figure is 30 percent.
- 39 percent of Ohio families with children have only one parent at home.
- In Ohio, 31 percent of households consist of a person living alone. More than 563,000 persons 65 or older live alone.
- The average household size is 2.43 persons. In 1950, the figure was 3.43. Nationally, the current figure is 2.63 persons.

Source: https://www.development.ohio.gov/files/research/P7001.pdf

Poverty
The statewide poverty rate in Ohio stands at 14.9 percent or 1,683,890 people according to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey.

Poverty in Ohio is the highest among 11 counties located within the Appalachian region. The top five counties with the highest poverty rates are Athens, Adams, Scioto, Meigs, and Highland counties, in rank order. Thirteen metropolitan counties have 52.4 percent of all Ohioans living in poverty. The five counties with the lowest poverty rates are Delaware, Warren, Medina, Geauga, and Putnam counties, in rank order. (American Community Survey, 2013-17).

Chronic Disease Prevalence

According to a 2018 report by the Ohio Department of Health,

“Death due to chronic disease represents a significant burden among Ohioans. In 2016, six of the 10 leading causes of death in Ohio were attributed to chronic disease (heart disease, cancer, chronic lower respiratory disease, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease), accounting for 57 percent (71,746) of Ohio deaths.”

Ohioans have a higher prevalence of chronic disease compared with the United States. According to 2016 data, as compared to US adults, Ohioans age 18 and older had a higher prevalence of heart disease (7.4 percent), stroke (3.6 percent), diabetes (11.1 percent), cancer (7.1 percent), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD, 8.7 percent), kidney disease (2.9 percent), asthma (9.7 percent) and arthritis (30.5 percent) versus national percentages.

- Heart disease was the leading cause of death in Ohio in 2016, accounting for 22 percent of all deaths.
- Chronic disease mortality rates by race/ethnicity indicate that blacks have higher death rates of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer and chronic kidney disease compared with other racial groups.
• Chronic disease mortality rates vary by geographic region in Ohio. For example, in 2016, the diabetes death rate was 17.2 percent higher and the heart disease death rate was 14.3 percent higher in the 32-county Appalachian region of Ohio compared to other regions of the state.

The chronic disease burden in Ohio is greatly influenced by social determinants of health, which are the social, economic and physical conditions in which people are born, live, learn, play, work and age.

Source: https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/chronic-disease/chronic-disease-conditions/

Diabetes
Every year, there are 700,000 new diagnosed cases of diabetes in Ohio. Diabetes cost Ohio an estimated $9.1 billion in medical expenditures and another $2.9 billion in productivity loss.
**Obesity**

Obesity is related to a multitude of health issues including diabetes, hypertension and some cancers. According to the recently released report, *The State of Obesity: Better Policies for a Healthier America, 2019* ([https://www.tfat.org/report-details/stateofobesity2019/](https://www.tfat.org/report-details/stateofobesity2019/)), Ohio’s rate among 2-4-year-old WIC participants as of 2016 was 12.4 percent, and has stayed consistently unchanged from 2000; among 10- to 17-year-olds, the rate was 17.1 percent from 2017-2018, a slight reduction from 2016; and among adults 34 percent, this rate has been on a consistent upward trajectory since 1990.

**Marriage/Divorce Statistics**

Marriage/Divorce Rates and other selected data for Ohio; rates are the number of events per 1,000 total population; year 2016.

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**Economic Statistics**

- Foreclosure rate 1 in 1912 (December 2019, RealtyTrac) [https://www.realtytrac.com/statsandtrends/foreclosuertrends/oh/](https://www.realtytrac.com/statsandtrends/foreclosuertrends/oh/)

A survey conducted by GOBankingRates of residents in the US and Washington DC which asked respondent about personal debt amounts for mortgages, credit cards, student loans and medical debt found that:

  - Ohio comes in #10 for least indebted
  - 30 percent of those surveyed are mortgage free
  - 80 percent report no medical debt
  - 6 percent reported more than $10,000 in medical debt, higher than the national average
Housing

**SEVERE HOUSING COST BURDEN**

There is a strong and growing evidence base linking stable and affordable housing to health. As housing costs have outpaced local incomes, households not only struggle to acquire and maintain adequate shelter, but also face difficult trade-offs in meeting other basic needs.

- In Ohio, 13% of households spend more than half of their income on housing costs.
- Across Ohio counties, severe housing cost burden ranges from 7% to 20% of households.
- Severe housing cost burden ranges from 10% to 23% among households headed by different racial/ethnic groups in Ohio.

Source: 2019 Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings report

**HOMEOWNERSHIP**

Homeownership has historically been a springboard for families to enter the middle class. Owning a home over time can help build savings for education or for other opportunities important to health and future family wealth. High levels of homeownership are associated with more stable housing and more tightly knit communities.

- In Ohio, 66% of households own their home.
- Homeownership rates among Ohio counties range from 54% to 86% of households.
- Homeownership rates among racial/ethnic groups in Ohio range from 36% to 72%.

Source: 2019 Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings report
Family and Consumer Sciences-Oriented Internal and External Organizations

This section contains a sample list of FCS-oriented organizations in Ohio. The FCS-oriented organizations are categorized by internal and external partners. To better understand the reach of FCS-oriented organizations, they are sub-categorized by statewide, regional, county, and local. For a continuation of specific outreach and engagement in program areas, the classification of the organizations are listed as Healthy People, Healthy Relationships and/or Healthy Finances. For this report, OSU Extension FCS is not included, but is the focus of a separate more in-depth report that is part of this overall review of OSU Extension FCS. This report provides support to the overall review. Each organization’s description is supported by the information that was gathered in sources from each. A sample of nine internal and 12 external organizations functioning in the FCS space are on the following pages. If the reach or annual report is unknown or not publicly available, then it is not included in the information describing the organization.

Internal

Statewide partners serving communities across Ohio:

OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development

Classification: Healthy People, Healthy Finances, Healthy Relationships

Location: Statewide

Mission: 4-H youth development education creates positive environments for diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring, and contributing citizens.

Description: The 4-H name represents four personal development areas: head, heart, hands, and health. Youth complete hands-on projects in areas such as health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities. For more than 100 years, 4-H has given youth a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better.

Reach: 503,826 Ohio youth: 12 percent in organized clubs, 11 percent in school enrichment, 75 percent special interests (such as community nutrition, EFNEP and SNAP-Ed), 2 percent in camps. 16,074 adult volunteer leaders and 6,793 youth volunteers. 4-H reaches 7 million young people in more than 50 countries.

Goals or Vision: Ohio 4-H is the state’s premier leader in developing youth to become positive, productive citizens and catalysts for effective change to improve our diverse society.

Annual Report: https://ohio4h.org/; https://ohio4h.org/about/ohio-statistics

Website: https://ohio4h.org/

The Ohio State University Wooster – OARDC

Classification: Healthy People, Healthy Relationships

Location: Wooster, Ohio
Mission: The mission of the OARDC is to enhance the well-being of the people of Ohio, the nation and world through research on foods, agriculture, family, and the environment.

Reach: Ohio communities

Goals or Vision: https://oardc.osu.edu/about

Website: https://oardc.osu.edu/

The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology, Department of Human Sciences

Classification: Healthy People, Healthy Relationships, Healthy Finances

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Description: The health, wellness and social behavior education in human sciences provides the skills needed to improve the lives and experiences of everyone. Our faculty members are leading the field through their ground-breaking research and they teach that same knowledge to their students. Our graduates become dietitians, athletic trainers, physical therapists, counselors for couples and families, financial planners, managers of hotels and international resorts, social service managers and retail merchandisers.

Reach: Ohio state students, faculty, staff, Ohio communities and international

Goals or Vision: https://ehe.osu.edu/about/history/

Website: https://ehe.osu.edu/

The Ohio State University College of Public Health

Classification: Healthy People

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: To protect and improve the health of the people of Ohio, the nation and the world. Through interdisciplinary research, we seek to understand the forces that affect public health and the delivery of health services. We prepare the next generation of public health practitioners, health care managers and scholars. Collaborating with government agencies and other partners, we develop solutions to current and emerging public health problems.

Description: Faculty, students, and alumni of the College of Public Health are taking on the social and economic inequities that have driven health disparities to levels not seen since the Progressive era; working to mitigate the longstanding public health challenges related to addiction and the opioid crisis; crossing oceans to prevent the spread of Ebola; and using science to inform renewed debates about access to health care, reproductive health and rights, and immunization.

Reach: Ohio State students, faculty, staff, Ohio communities and international

Goals or Vision: To be a leader in public health research and education with local impact and global significance

Website: https://cph.osu.edu/
The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy

Classification: Healthy People, Healthy Relationships

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy advances the pharmacy profession and patient-centered care across Ohio and around the globe through innovative teaching and practice, ground-breaking research, and transformative outreach and engagement.

Description: The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy is home to world-class faculty, dedicated students and innovative researchers working toward improving medications and medication-related health outcomes. Since 1885, the college has made enormous strides in meeting specific needs of both students and patients, exploring new frontiers in drug discovery and development, pharmaceutical sciences, and translational clinical research. These labors have led to more than 40 patents in the past five years for treatments ranging from cancer to heart failure.

Reach: Ohio State students, faculty, staff, Ohio communities, and global communities

Goals or Vision: The College of Pharmacy will lead in drug discovery, development, and training in the optimal use of medications to improve health and well-being.

Annual Report: https://pharmacy.osu.edu/annual-reports

Website: https://pharmacy.osu.edu/

The Ohio State University College of Medicine, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Classification: Healthy People

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: To prepare future health sciences professionals through the creation and dissemination of knowledge in support of the health and well-being of the people of Ohio and the global community.

Description: The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University is a nationally recognized leader in the education of health and providers in the areas of athletic training, health information management, medical dietetics, medical laboratory science, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, and radiologic sciences and therapy. Graduates of these programs are leaders in their fields who use their knowledge of advanced techniques and technology to deliver quality patient care.

Reach: Ohio State students, faculty, staff, Ohio communities, and global communities

Goals or Vision: To be a national and international leader in health sciences education, research, service, and clinical practice that impacts the well-being of the people of Ohio and the global community.

Website: https://hrs.osu.edu/
The Ohio State University College of Nursing

Classification: Healthy People, Healthy Relationships

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: We exist to dream, discover and deliver a healthier world.

Description: Through health and wellness-centered leadership, a strong and deep history, world-class educational programs and our mission to dream, discover and deliver, the College of Nursing transforms healthcare and transforms lives.

Reach: The strategic plans of Ohio State and the College of Nursing include goals to promote community engagement to help improve the health and well-being of the people and institutions of Ohio, the nation and the world.

Goals or Vision: The world’s leader in thinking and achieving the impossible to transform health and improve lives.

Website: https://nursing.osu.edu/

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Department of Food Science and Technology

Classification: Healthy People

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Description: The Department of Food Science and Technology faculty and staff provide information on critical issues involving every aspect of food – from production to distribution to consumption and are committed to high quality, accessible educational programs. We bring the knowledge of the university to your door through research-based educational and outreach programs.

Reach: Ohio State students, faculty, staff, food science industry, Ohio community

Goals or Vision: We focus on sustainability through:

- production efficiency and technologies,
- food security and safety,
- economic and policy analysis,
- preservation of the environment, ecosystems, and water quality.

We foster economic development through technologies and value-added products.

We strive to ensure human, animal, and environmental health.

We prepare our future leaders and scientists.

Website: https://fst.osu.edu/home
The Ohio State University Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences
(Community Engagement)

Classification: Healthy People

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: Transform and advance the discipline of clinical and translational science at The Ohio State University

Description: The Ohio State University Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is a collaboration among The Ohio State University, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, and Nationwide Children’s Hospital dedicated to turning the scientific discoveries of today into life-changing disease prevention strategies and the health diagnostics and treatments of tomorrow.

Funded by a multi-year Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) from the National Institutes of Health, the CCTS leverages expertise from every college across the university, including scientists and clinicians from the seven health science colleges, the College of Engineering, Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, and Nationwide Children’s Hospital, community health and educational agencies, business partnerships, and regional institutional network partnerships.

Reach: Ohio State students, faculty, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, community agencies, and regional institutional networks.

Goals or Vision: Catalyze research teams and facilitate innovation through the creation of an environment that fosters translation of knowledge to improve human health.

Website: https://ccts.osu.edu/

External
Ohio Department of Education

Classification: Healthy Finances, Healthy People, Healthy Relationships

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Description: The Ohio Department of Education oversees the state’s public education system, which includes public school districts, joint vocational school districts and charter schools. The department also monitors educational service centers, other regional education providers, early learning and child care programs, and private schools. The department’s tasks include administering the school funding system, collecting school fiscal and performance data, developing academic standards and model curricula, administering the state achievement tests, issuing district and school report cards, administering Ohio’s voucher programs, providing professional development, and licensing teachers, administrators, treasurers, superintendents and other education personnel. The department is governed by the state Board of Education with administration of the department the responsibility of the superintendent of public instruction.
Reach: 134,000 full-time educators serving in 3,600 public schools and educating approximately 1.7 million schoolchildren

Goals or Vision: In Ohio, each child is challenged to discover and learn, prepared to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society.

Annual Report: http://education.ohio.gov/About/Annual-Reports

Website: http://education.ohio.gov/

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
Statewide and county

Classification: Healthy People, Healthy Relationships

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: ODH’s mission is to protect and improve the health of all Ohioans by preventing disease, promoting good health and assuring access to quality care.

Description: The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is a cabinet-level agency, meaning the director reports to the governor and serves as a member of the Executive Branch of Ohio’s government.

The ODH executive team helps the director of health formulate the agency’s strategic policy goals and objectives. The team is composed of the chief of staff, the medical director and the general counsel. These leaders, along with agency senior-level managers and supervisors, work in tandem to ensure the state health department is responsive to the needs of Ohio’s 11.5 million residents

Reach: Ohio Residents


Website: https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)
Statewide, county and local

Classification: Healthy People, Healthy Relationships, Healthy Finances

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: To improve the well-being of Ohio’s workforce and families by promoting economic self-sufficiency and ensuring the safety of Ohio’s most vulnerable citizens.

Description: ODJFS is responsible to manage a number of vital programs that directly impact the lives of Ohio’s families and children. These include foster care and adoption, child care, job training and employment services, food assistance, cash assistance, unemployment insurance, adult protective services, and child support.

Reach: Ohio residents
Ohio Department of Aging

*Statewide and regional*

**Classification:** Healthy People, Healthy Relationships

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio

**Mission:** Foster sound public policy, research, and initiatives that benefit older Ohioans

**Description:** As the federally designated state unit on aging, the Department of Aging serves as the sole state agency to coordinate Older Americans Act programs and services, as well as other services to meet the needs of Ohio’s elders. We are a cabinet-level state agency with a director appointed by the governor. The structure of the department is tied directly to its funding sources. We receive $65 million in federal funding, primarily from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which supports services for older Ohioans as well as the administration of Medicaid-funded services. We also apply for and use grants from federal and state sources to support and expand our work.

**Goals or Vision:** Ohio: The best place to age in the nation.

**Annual Report:** [https://aging.ohio.gov/Portals/0/PDF/SFY_2019_Annual_Report_FINAL.pdf](https://aging.ohio.gov/Portals/0/PDF/SFY_2019_Annual_Report_FINAL.pdf)

**Website:** [https://aging.ohio.gov/](https://aging.ohio.gov/)

OhioHealth

*Regional*

**Classification:** Healthy People

**Location:** Ohio, Statewide

**Mission:** To improve the health of those we serve.

**Description:** OhioHealth is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit, charitable, healthcare outreach of the United Methodist Church. We are a family of 29,000 associates, physicians and volunteers, and a network of 12 hospitals, 200+ ambulatory sites, hospice, home health, medical equipment and other health services spanning 47 Ohio counties.

**Reach:** Ohio residents

**Goals or Vision:** Where people want to work, where physicians want to practice and, most importantly, where patients want to go when they need healthcare services.

**Website:** [https://www.ohiohealth.com/](https://www.ohiohealth.com/)

Supreme Court of Ohio - Children and Families section

*Statewide and affiliated with county-based courts*

**Classification:** Healthy Relationships

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio
Mission: The Supreme Court will accomplish its vision by: Applying and promoting standards of impartiality and fairness Strengthening the judiciary, courts, and bar of Ohio Fostering collaboration with its justice system partners Serving as a catalyst for the strategic direction of the justice system.

Description: The Children and Families section provides technical assistance, training, and policy recommendations to improve court performance in cases involving children and families.

The Advisory Committee on Children and Families makes policy recommendations to the Supreme Court of Ohio through the section. Current projects include developing policy to respond to child abuse, neglect and dependency; adult guardianship standards; domestic relations forms; and family law reform legislation.

Technical assistance is provided by the section through consultation with local courts and publications. The section also staffs roundtables which allow court personnel to discuss common issues and share perspectives on current practice needs. The section collaborates with other sections within the Office of Court Services to provide training on case flow management and standards of practice.

Reach: Ohio residents

Goals or Vision: For the Supreme Court of Ohio to administer justice with integrity and provide leadership for the Judicial Branch of Ohio government.

Website: http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/JCS/CFC/default.asp

Ohio Treasurer's Office, Center for Public Investment Management and Financial Literacy

Statewide and regional

Classification: Healthy Finances

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Description: The Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM) provides continuing education to Ohio’s public funds managers and their oversight authorities. It is CPIM’s mission to offer the highest standard of comprehensive education and instruction in the areas of cash management, investments, public finance, compliance and reporting.

Additionally, the Treasurer’s office provides Ohioans with helpful tools to make informed decisions in personal finance. The office engages non-profit organizations, cultivates public-private partnerships, and leverages technology to connect citizens and educators with helpful and innovative financial educational resources.

Reach: Ohio residents, educators

Annual Report: http://www.tos.ohio.gov/reports

Website: http://www.tos.ohio.gov/
Ohio Housing Finance Agency
Statewide

Classification: Healthy Finances

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: We open doors to an affordable place called home.

Description: The Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) facilitates the development, rehabilitation and financing of low- to moderate-income housing. The agency's programs help first-time homebuyers, renters, senior citizens, and others find quality affordable housing that meets their needs. Formerly a division of the Ohio Department of Development, OHFA became an independent state agency on July 1, 2005 through Amended Substitute House Bill (HB) 431. OHFA funds competitive fixed-rate mortgage loans and provides financing for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing through the Housing Tax Credit program, issuing tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds, and other affordable housing programs.

Reach: Ohio residents

Goals or Vision: We believe that everyone should have a quality place to call home. Through stewardship of public trust, OHFA will lead the nation in providing access to affordable housing for low- to moderate-income households.

Website: www.ohiohome.org

Ohio Association of Food Banks
Regional

Classification: Healthy People

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mission: Our mission is to assist Ohio’s 12 Feeding America foodbanks in providing food and other resources to people in need and to pursue areas of common interest for the benefit of people in need.

Description: The Ohio Association of Foodbanks (formerly the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks) was formed in 1991 to garner support for its member foodbanks and stretch dollars through consolidated purchasing of food that is then distributed to Ohio's emergency food assistance network. (NOTE: Direct work is done through the regional food banks)

Reach: Ohio residents


Website: http://www.ohiofoodbanks.org/

Ohio Family and Children First Council
County

Classification: Healthy People, Healthy Relationships

Location: Columbus, Ohio
**Mission:** Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF) is a partnership of state and local government, communities and families that enhances the well-being of Ohio’s children and families by building community capacity, coordinating systems and services, and engaging families.

**Description:** Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF) is defined as the Governor's Children’s Cabinet with the purpose of streamlining and coordinating government services for children and families. The OFCF Cabinet Council is comprised of the following Ohio departments: Aging, Developmental Disabilities, Education, Health, Job and Family Services, Medicaid, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Rehabilitation and Correction, Youth Services, and the Office of Budget and Management. Locally, the county commissioners establish the 88 county Family and Children First Councils (FCFC).

**Reach:** Ohio families and children

**Goals or Vision:** OFCF's vision is for every child and family to thrive and succeed within healthy communities.

**Website:** [https://www.fcf.ohio.gov/](https://www.fcf.ohio.gov/)

**Ohio United Way**

*County*

**Classification:** Healthy People, Healthy Relationships, Healthy Finances

**Location:** Statewide

**Mission:** United Way improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good.

**Description:** United Way is engaged in nearly 1,800 communities across more than 40 countries and territories worldwide. We are focused on creating community-based and community-led solutions that strengthen the cornerstones for a good quality of life: education, financial stability and health.

**Reach:** Ohio residents

**Goals or Vision:** Every Ohioan is deserving of hope, dignity and purpose

**Website:** [https://www.unitedway.org/local/united-states/ohio](https://www.unitedway.org/local/united-states/ohio)

**Ohio Children’s Hunger Alliance**

*Statewide in select locations*

**Classification:** Healthy People

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio

**Mission:** Our mission is to ensure that children without access receive healthy food, nutrition education, and physical activity.

**Description:** Founded in 1970, Children’s Hunger Alliance is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger. We partner with organizations throughout Ohio to provide nutritious meals to at-risk children who need them most. We help day care providers, day care centers, local school districts and afterschool and summer programs provide balanced,
healthy meals to children in their care. Our team of educators also deliver nutrition education and lead children in physical activities to provide a balanced approach to childhood health. Children’s Hunger Alliance has a team of 50 professionals throughout the state who are passionate about ending childhood hunger in Ohio’s 88 counties. Our home office is in Columbus, Ohio with regional offices in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo.

Reach: Ohio’s underserved children without adequate access to healthy meals

Annual Report: https://childrenshungeralliance.org/impact/
Website: https://childrenshungeralliance.org/

Conclusion and FCS Trends in Ohio

Ohio is a diverse state. It is both rural, suburban and urban, with marked regional differences in health outcomes, medical resources/access, food access, and financial stability.

Specific opportunities and needs for family and consumer sciences education vary across the state by region, by county, and in some cases from community to community. There are many organizations that work in this space providing a variety of services to support personal and community health, personal finance, housing and interpersonal relationships.

Given that Baby Boom Generation accounts for 28 percent of Ohio’s population, the population of Ohio is forecasted to see a sharp age increase over the next two decades. For instance, from 2000 to 2015, the population of Ohio 65+ increased from 13.3 percent of the population to 15.9 percent, an increase of 2.6 percent compared to the United States. 12.4 percent to 14.9 percent or a 2.5 percent increase [Sources: U.S. Census Bureau. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. 5-Percent Public Use Microdata Sample. U.S. Census Bureau. 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Summary File. Integrated Public Use Microdata Sample, National Historical Geographic Information Systems (IPUMS NHGIS), www.nhgis.org]. Programming related to aging in each of the OSU Extension FCS focus areas will be in high demand.

Based on the information collected and shared in this report on the family and consumer science-oriented organizations in Ohio, there is wide variety of services offered, but not one agency or organization is focused holistically on all areas of human development. OSU Extension FCS can continue to serve the population of Ohio through shifting demographics, health challenges, social disruption and family challenges, economic upturns and downturns. The skills training offered is a complement to the other services offered by family and consumer science-oriented organizations, whether in partnership, or just co-existing in a space that provides needed services to a wider population.