

# Promoting Generational and Program Interaction Through Gardening Camp

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## Introduction

The youth, adults, seniors, and extension education program leaders in 4-H Youth Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Agriculture in Prairie County, Arkansas, have been observed to be independent and indifferent to each other throughout the county.

Furthermore, these stakeholders seem to have forgotten the benefits of interactions with one another and extension programming.

This program was proposed to solve those issues and improve county program success and teamwork between ages and program leaders

## Results and Impact

- 24 Youth Reached
- 4 Master Gardener Volunteers
- Increased extension team morale post-program
- Noticeable increase in programming requests in the county

## Acknowledgments

Stark is the primary catalyst for this program and its success. It would not have happened, nor been possible, without her leadership. Our team is thankful to have her for leading this effort in our county.



## Objectives

- Provide programming in 4-H, FCS, and Agriculture simultaneously
- Increase Publicity of Prairie County Extension Programs
- Educate youth on gardening through experiential learning
- Provide non-tangible benefits to seniors and retirees
- Increase community participation in extension programs

## Conclusions

More precise research is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of this program. Our primary goal was to establish the program and determine if the program would be popular with residents in the county. Therefore, more evaluations of learning outcomes are needed to determine the level of effectiveness of this program.

