

INDIANA 4-H: SUPPORTING NEW 4-H FAMILIES HANDOUT



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Why Support New Families

Current Status of Supporting New Families

What Important Information do New Families Need

Welcoming and Supporting New Families

4-H Family Liaison Role	Volunteer	Audience	Purpose
Mentor Family	Family	One new family	Ensure that new 4-H members and their families are welcomed, develop a sense of belonging, and have questions answered during their first program year/cycle in the 4-H club.
New Family Navigator	Individual (or shared role)	All new members/families in club	Ensure that new 4-H members and their families are welcomed, develop a sense of belonging, and have questions answered during their first program year/cycle in the 4-H club.
Welcoming Committee	Team of youth and adults	All club members with special focus on new members/families	Develop a welcoming environment that leads to positive connections between all club members and families. Orient new families.

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Action Plan

Establish a system to guide and support new 4-H members, families, and volunteers through the first year or program cycle, with **intentional focus** on the needs of First Generation 4-H families at local, county, and state level.



What does a plan to support new 4-H families look like?

Resources

- Welcoming and Supporting New Families Conversation Guide
- Volunteer Role Description
- Volunteer Survey
- _____
- _____
- _____

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What would you include in conversations with new 4-H families?

What are the three most important items to share?

LOOKING FORWARD

What role(s) do you need to support new 4-H members and families:

What's the scope of the 4-H Family Liaison volunteer's work (e.g., community, club, county)?

What are the responsibilities of the 4-H Family Liaison volunteer role?

How might you recruit people to serve in these roles?

What information would 4-H Family Liaison volunteers need to know? When do they need to know it?

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FINAL THOUGHTS:



Where do you plan to focus your next steps to welcome and support new volunteers and program participants?

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