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



### **Supporting New 4-H Families**

Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit- November 16, 2019

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?

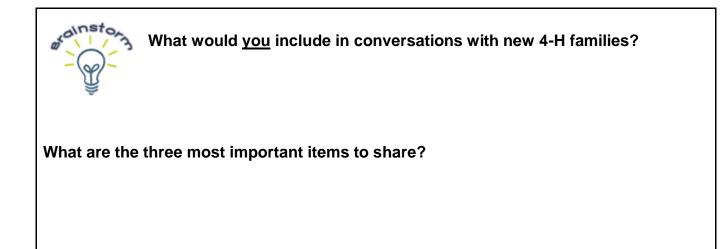
#### Resources

- Welcoming and Supporting New Families Conversation Guide
- Volunteer Role Description
- □ Volunteer Survey
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## 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:**

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