



4-H Youth Development Program Overview

4-H Council Handbook Tip Sheet

Organization of Indiana 4-H Youth Development

The 4-H Youth Development Program in each state is organized and administered by the land-grant university. In Indiana, Purdue University, through Purdue Extension, has that responsibility.

Indiana 4-H Mission

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

Indiana 4-H Vision

Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

Character and Design of 4-H

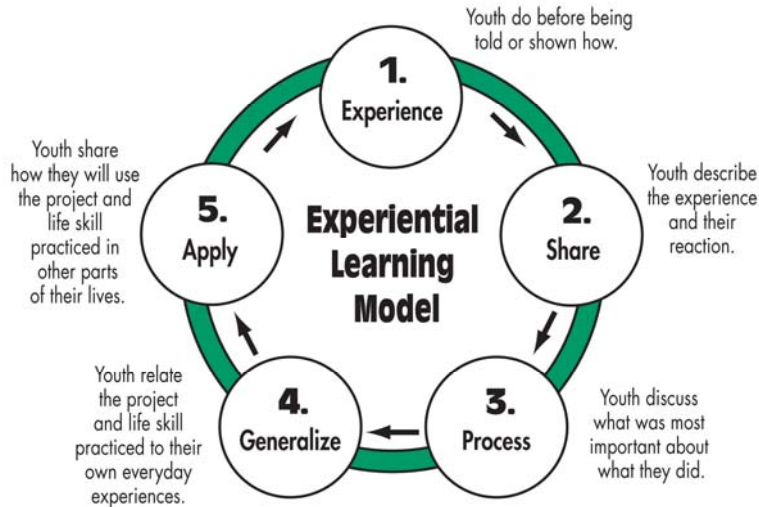
- Positive youth development education is the central focus of 4-H.
- 4-H is a nonformal education program emphasizing experiential learning, providing youth with hands-on learning experiences and application to real-world situations.
- Youth, parents, and families work cooperatively to encourage learning in 4-H.
- 4-H utilizes a variety of delivery methods, including community clubs, project clubs, after school programming, school enrichment, and camps.
- 4-H Youth Development Programs are designed to meet significant community needs through input from the local citizens involved.

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Experiential Learning Model

The Experiential Learning Model is the method that we use to help youth learn new information, skills, and abilities in 4-H. That model is shown below.



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Essential Elements of 4-H Youth Development

The elements included in the table below are ones that research has shown contribute to the positive development of youth. We strive to include each of these elements in some way in each 4-H opportunity provided to our youth.

<p><u>Belonging</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Relationship with a caring adult • An inclusive environment • A safe environment 	<p><u>Mastery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement in Learning • Opportunity for Mastery
<p><u>Independence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to see oneself as an active participant in the future • Opportunity for self-determination 	<p><u>Generosity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to value and practice service for others

To learn more about the organization of the 4-H Youth Development Program, please visit (<http://bit.ly/4HOverview>).