

**MISSION:** The mission of 4-H is to assist youth in developing life and work skills that will prepare them to be capable, caring and competent citizens of a democratic society.

**LEARNING MODEL:** 4-H uses the experiential learning model where youth experience an activity, share the results, process the information, generalize and apply the knowledge and/or skill learned to other situations.

**MISSION MANDATES/FOCUS AREAS:**

***Science, Engineering and Technology***

Animal Science

Plant Science

Veterinary Science

General Sciences

Computer Science

Environmental Science

***Citizenship***

Communication Skills

Leadership Development

Community Service Learning

***Healthy Living***

Nutrition

Fitness

Health

**DELIVERY METHODS/PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS:**

***4-H Clubs***

Content is delivered to youth in 4-H clubs by adult volunteers

Workshops, competitive events and other activities planned and implemented by staff and volunteers support the educational and mission mandate goals

Financial support through participant fees and the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

Requires each member pays a fee or requests a waiver

An intensive delivery mode; program allows for long term relationship with adult mentor(s) and has been shown to produce most positive results in youth

***Military Programs***

4-H clubs for military youth (Hanscom AFB and Joint Base Cape Cod and other partners)

Educational programs for 4-H and military connected staff

Provides a sense of belonging for youth who may move often due to parent deployments

Financial support through UMass 4-H, the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation and additional supporters

***Special Interest/IMPACT/Short Term Programs***

Program is conducted by staff of other organizations such as libraries and after school programs

Low cost participant fees or funded by other support

***In School Enrichment Programs***

Teachers deliver 4-H in the classroom using 4-H curricula

May require a fee for use of resources

***Tech Wizards Program***

Youth mentoring program currently offered at sites in Berkshire County

Funded through a National 4-H Council grant and OJJDP

***4-H Camps***

4-H Camps are separate 501 c3 organizations that partner with 4-H based on an MOA

Camps are self-supporting; they do receive some funds from the MA 4-H Foundation

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