Make an impact!

We believe every child should have the skills to thrive in life, community and career. Too many young people today are growing up unprepared for a changing world.

4-H provides experiences that grow confident, capable, caring kids with the skills to take on life today and thrive tomorrow. That’s why we’re expanding our high-quality educational programs, with 4-H Impact.

4-H Impact puts together a community team to make a difference for our youth: the professional 4-H Educator, with curriculum resources; the host Organization, with direct connections to youth; and the business or group Sponsor, with interest in fostering youth development.

4-H programs use research-based content from leading public universities. Curriculum guides are complete and well planned. Kids love the subjects and the activities are interactive and fun!
Provide the spark!

You can bring 4-H Impact to the young people of your community—country kids, city kids, kids of every race, economic and family situation. A professional 4-H Educator is ready to help.

Host organizations: Are you looking for high-quality educational programs for youth ages 7 and up? 4-H will train your staff or volunteers, and provide curriculum and resources. We partner with:

- Libraries, recreation departments
- After school programs, youth service agencies
- Community agricultural programs

Sponsors: Fund a 4-H Impact program. Create life-changing experiences for children while raising your business’ standing in the community. Our sponsors include:

- Local businesses
- Industry and hi-tech companies
- Service clubs
- Professional organizations
- Agricultural and conservation groups
- Community foundations

4-H Impact programs are units of six to 10 sessions, with a focus on a single topic. For example:

**Babysitters’ Training:** A must-have program for babysitters, ages 11-15. Learn important aspects of safety, child development, play, nutrition and the business of babysitting.

**Critter Care:** City, country, or in between, kids love animals! Learn about all different kinds of animals—from cows to hermit crabs—and how to be a responsible pet owner.

**Science Secrets:** Young people discover science concepts through plenty of fun, hands-on experiments and activities. From engineering to chemistry, learn by doing, in a safe environment.

**Something Else:** Don’t see what you want? With its extensive science curriculum and other resources, 4-H has more to offer, including:

- Embryology
- Rocketry
- Robotics
- Plant science
- Photography
- Drama

Speak with your regional 4-H Educator about your special interests.

In our region, we work as a team. Organizations and businesses are proud to be known as 4-H sponsors because 4-H makes an impact right here in our community. 4-H programs mix ages and gender to benefit the whole family.”

**Tom Waskiewicz,**
4-H Educator, Western Region

**Invest! in a generation**

Bring 4-H Impact to the youth in your community to add a positive influence in their lives. Research shows it’s a step forward, Tufts University conducted an in-depth, decade-long nationwide study of 4-H youth development. The results show that the 4-H experience helps young people achieve future life and work success.

**Compared to their peers, 4-H youth**

- make healthier, safer choices in their teen years,
- excel in academics and plan for college,
- choose more science/engineering/technology careers, and
- make greater contributions to their communities.

“...The majority of young people in our after-school programs are first generation. We provide ‘learning through doing’ experiences, positive adult-youth partnerships and connection to higher education. Something special happens when kids begin to expand their horizons and gain confidence. It’s a joy to see.”

**Lauren Dubois,** 4-H Educator, STEM Urban Education, Springfield

**Go! with what works**