



Your Ohio State University Extension, Stark County (OSUE) Office & Programs

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OSUE fulfills the 'land grant' mission of The Ohio State University by sharing science-based information with citizens to help them make informed decisions and improve their lives, businesses, and communities. Each county has an Extension Office, funded by federal, state and county dollars. In Ohio, county commissioners provide funding for county Extension Offices' local operations. The Stark County Commissioners have provided zero funding for 2012 due to harsh economic times and lateness of Sales Tax passage/collection. Therefore, OSUE, Stark County needs to raise \$100,000 to operate for 2012 with reduced hours AND with the intent of Stark County Commissioners restoring funding to your OSUE, Stark County Program in 2013.

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DID YOU KNOW...? WE TEACH & REACH...

4-H Youth Development – youth ages 5-19, develop leadership and service skills, ***“To Make the Best Better!”***

- More than 1200 youth
- Over 75 4-H clubs and 10 4-H activity groups; 1750 youth projects, community service and activities
- More than 290 dedicated volunteers, giving more than 70,000 volunteer hours
- 2011 Junior Fair Livestock Auction which positively provided Stark County with another record of **\$632,834 of income**, re-invested locally by Stark County 4-H and FFA Youth members.

Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR) – supports commercial farm, horticulture, and forestry enterprises, as well as home gardeners and urban landowners

- Growing Ohio Farmers' Markets training program, six markets in Stark County and growing...
- Community vegetable gardens (25)/individual gardeners
- More than 100 Master Gardener Volunteers, who provide Stark County citizens with:
 - Garden Information Line: delivered over 200 hours of service assisting with home horticulture questions
 - Speakers' Bureau presented 90+ educational presentations, reaching over 2,600 citizens
 - Over 350 volunteer hours for USDA Service Center Learning Gardens & Fairground's Garden
 - Spring Plant Expo & Fall Botanica symposium-250+ education and over \$4,000 yearly for MG program
- Urban and community forestry, tree inventories, etc.
- Annual Northeast Ohio "Living Your Small Farm Dream" Conference and Trade Show; 160 participants
- Pesticide Training Program provides more than 100 Stark County farmers to meet recertification

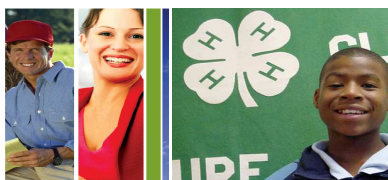
Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) – supporting families, home budgets, health & wellness

Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

IMPORTANT FACT: *Because we have a Stark County OSUE office (supported from The Stark County Commissioners in partnership with OSUE state/federal funding), your county office also features the USDA Expanded Food & Nutrition Program (EFNEP), which is nutrition & wellness program offered to low-income residents with children, 100% federally funded.*

Without an OSUE Stark Office- NO EFNEP Program.

- Federal program helps families with children make healthier choices, while stretching their dollars.
- Increases skills in decision making in nutrition, stretching food dollars, increasing physical activity, parenting, food safety and resource management.
- 90% of local graduates made a positive behavior change related to food & nutrition.
- Potential health care **savings to community of \$2.00 to \$17.00 for every federal grant dollar**
- Program has capacity to deliver 800 educational hours, impacting the health of more than 1000 residents



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