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New Mexico 4-H 101 (Part 1)

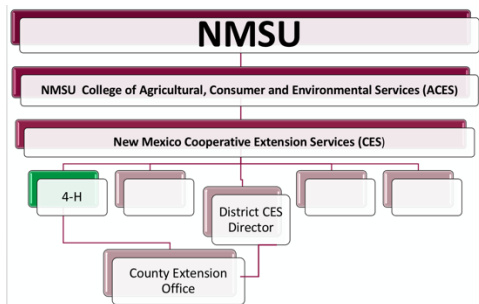


Overview New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service and New Mexico 4-H

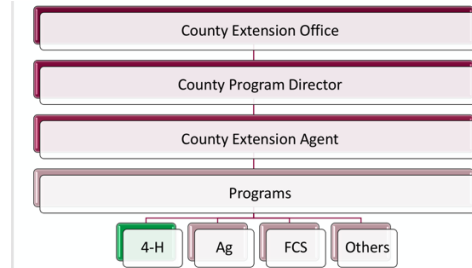
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Let's look at the big picture of New Mexico 4-H, whose program it is, who is administratively responsible for 4-H in New Mexico and how you and your family can be a part of the New Mexico 4-H program. Below you will find key points of the four-part NM 4-H 101 (part 1) module which is located in the NM 4-H Enrollment Program (Zsuites).

The NM 4-H Youth Development Program is **THE** youth program of the NM Cooperative Extension Service. The Cooperative Extension Service (CES) was created by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, which extended outreach to communities through land-grant universities. This Act conveys knowledge from the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (an 1862 land grant) to the people and needs of the people to the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences.



The CES provides the people of New Mexico, and the greater USA, with practical, research-based knowledge and programs to improve their quality of life. The CES does this through its many programs offered by the county/tribal Extension agent in **every** New Mexico County. Thus, 4-H is not the only program in the County Extension Office, although it may be the most widely known.



Program areas include 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences and many other programs to improve the quality of life.

4-H is a research-based youth development program that is Extension staff supervised, volunteer led, family and community centered, responsive to change, and publicly and privately funded. The mission of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program is to provide youth the opportunities to acquire leadership, citizenship and life skills (NM 4-H Policy and Procedures, 2021). There are over 200 projects to choose from in the New Mexico 4-H Program. Projects include everything from rocketry to rabbits, livestock to leadership, and technology to trades.

The County Extension 4-H Agent supervises the 4-H program with the help of 4-H volunteers. 4-H programming is age appropriate and available to youth (5-19) in every NM County with the 4-H year beginning October 1 and ending September 30. Visit your County Extension office for more information: <https://aces.nmsu.edu/county/>

This information summarizes the NM 4-H 101 volunteer training module. Complete the NM 4-H 101 module on the NM 4-H Enrollment system, Zsuites, or contact your local County Extension office for more detailed information.

Information cited from the NM 4-H 101 volunteer training module, New Mexico 4-H Policies and Procedures Handbook, and NMSU College of ACES website.