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Want to get youth involved in your community? Youth Community Perceptions can help youth learn how to identify needs and opportunities that exist for your community's future, and work with community leaders to make a difference!

What is the Youth Community Perceptions Program?

Similar to the First Impressions program, an evaluation takes place in your community...but not with an outside visitor team. Instead, the evaluation is
conducted by the youth within your community!

K-State Research and Extension Community Vitality and Kansas 4-H have worked together to develop a program to focus on youth civic engagement at the local level. Youth Community Perceptions is a community evaluation and assessment program that allows youth to discover the unique assets and strengths of their community as well as the needs, providing them with an opportunity to engage in community conversations and improvement.

Why was it developed?

Kansas rural county populations have been declining since 2012. Remote rural communities have experienced this trend much longer. Youth are leaving rural communities and given little encouragement to return. A study conducted by the University of Nebraska found that many youth leave as they are told "There's nothing for you here, you can find something better in the city (whether it be education or a better paying job)." As well meaning, and sometimes true, as it is, youth are listening.

National 4-H has the data to suggest that when youth are involved in their community, they:

- Can see themselves staying in, or returning to, their hometown.
- Are good stewards to the projects they are involved with, reducing incidences of vandalism, and;
- Feel a sense of belonging in the community.

The aim of the Youth Community Perceptions Program is to:

- Create opportunities for youth to have a voice in communities.
- Involve and familiarize youth with local government and community processes.
- Bridge the gap between youth, local government, and the community.

Who is this program for?

Anyone who wants to involve youth within their community, and of course, YOUTH!

And Youth Community Perceptions is not limited to rural communities! Schools, KAY (Kansas Association for Youth) and 4-H Clubs are taking part, and the tool can easily be adapted to suit more urban areas!

Want more information? Click the button below to visit the Youth Community Perceptions page on the K-State Research and Extension Community Vitality web page. Thank you for all you do! - Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu
Considering applying for Community of Excellence status? A recent community needs assessment is required to become a Community of Excellence. Participating in the **Youth Community Perceptions** program would meet that requirement.

Looking for a 2020 project idea, or maybe a Week of PRIDE 2020 Project?

It’s the perfect time of year to start planning your community's cleanup/fix-up campaign for the spring. Click the image above to download K-State Research and Extension's guide to get started!

Neeeding other ideas? Head to our website to visit our database or Week of PRIDE Pages for more!

A shout out to the communities of:
- Atchison
- Caney
- Dwight
- Hugoton
- Yates Center

For inviting us to your communities for presentations and assessments! It’s great working with you!

*The picture provided is of a landmark in one of these communities. Can you name the landmark and community?*

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**Attention Past and Present Kansas PRIDE Communities**

We have files. Lots and lots of files. You can probably imagine that in almost 50 years of operation, we’ve accumulated a lot of reports, photos, and newspaper...
clippings. It became necessary for us to make some space, but we didn't want to throw away historical records you might want to have, so we're in the process of sending them back to the communities. If we have some older files for your community we'll be sending them to your local K-State Research and Extension office and they will then in turn transfer them to the city office, local museum, library, or in the case of a currently enrolled community, to the PRIDE contact.

You'll also be receiving two other things, the first is a coloring page for anyone large or small in your community to color, take to their favorite thing about your community and take a picture to share. Second, a Mr. "Flat Stanley" PRIDE you can cut out and take to your community's awesome Kansas PRIDE project (past or present) to take a picture and share. We may feature your photos in this newsletter, on our website, or social media. If your photo has people in it, don't forget to use a Photo Release form: https://bit.ly/31LeV5M

-Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmsteen@ksu.edu

50 Year Celebration Opportunity

As you may know, the Kansas PRIDE Program will be celebrating its 50th year as a program. Fifty years of serving communities! Hooray!

The Kansas PRIDE Board of Directors always likes to have board meetings in PRIDE communities. Why? They like to hear the stories in person of the community and witness your awesomeness by seeing your finished projects. The 50th Year is no different, but it might have a twist...if you are interested. So we need to hear from you!

The Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors is interested in hearing if:

- Your community might like to host one of 4 board meetings
- If PRIDE Communities are interested in having an event where education and sharing can happen

Interested? Want to let us know? Don't hesitate to take our survey! Communities filling out the survey will be entered into a drawing for some K-
State Research and Extension gear (pictured above). This is the last chance to take the survey - we need to know if you are interested in attending regional events next year to learn new things and hear new ideas.

Take Our Survey

CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS

Did you know that K-State Research and Extension's Nancy Daniels is providing upcoming Grant Writing Workshops throughout the state (she also does First Friday E-Calls, another AWESOME resource for communities, which are also listed on the link we will provide below)? The next will be at Dodge City Public Library on November 18th. Deadline to register is November 11th. Another workshop will be held in Oberlin on November 19th, with the registration deadline being the 12th. Check out the link below for more information about location and registration, and to find out about other upcoming grant workshops in Herington, Syracuse, and Russell.

Grant Writing Workshops

External Funding Opportunities

Want to put your new grant writing skills to use? Here are some opportunities for project funding outside of the Kansas PRIDE grants:

**Sony Social Responsibility Funding:** This ongoing funding opportunity from the Sony Corporation is for programs that focus on art, culture, technology, or the environment with particular emphasis on education in those areas. View their website for application procedures and other guidelines.

**Home Depot Community Impact Grants:** Home Depot offers funding in the form of gift cards up to $5,000 for projects that support veterans, diverse, or under-served communities. This round of grants closes on December 31, 2019. Visit the link for application guidelines.

**W.K. Kellogg Foundation:** Applications are currently accepted on an ongoing basis for the *Thriving Children Grants*. Projects funded focus on increasing access to local fresh, healthy
Appreciative Inquiry

January 16, 2020
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
K-State Polytechnic Conference Center
2310 Centennial Road
Salina, KS

Learn About:
The Appreciative Inquiry method that focuses on our strengths and asks questions which further enhances the capacity of the system. It enables groups to facilitate positive change in their organization and community.

Presented By: Donna Schenck-Hamlin, Program/Project Manager, CECD & ICDD
- Cost is $25-Checks payable to KSU
- Deadline to register is January 10th
- Send registration to Melissa McHugh, Extension Programs, 121A Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin Rd, Manhattan, KS 66506
- Sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, Community Vitality
- Questions: Contact nsigle@ksu.edu or call 785-348-6256

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2018-19 Annual Review

The 2018-19 Kansas PRIDE Annual Review for 2018-19 is now online in PDF format (the print version is in production at the time of this writing). In this year's issue you can learn about foods to improve nutrition in schools and across communities.
2018-19 Annual Review

Have a local event going on? Got great places to visit? Eat? Play?

Why not send your ads here and we will place them in our newsletter? You just have to send a high quality photo and the verbiage you want to use and we will place them in our newsletter for one month!

Send Your Ad Here!

ENROLL IN KANSAS PRIDE

Just a reminder, there is still time to enroll if you haven't had the chance! Reporting is open too!

First Friday e-Calls: Check'em Out!

K-State Research and Extension offers entrepreneurship webinars every first Friday of the month, and there have already been several great sessions this year. If you missed them, they've been
Enrollment and Reporting

Click here to learn more about K-State Research and Extension’s First Impressions Program!

FACEBOOK NEWS
Don’t forget to like us on Facebook if you haven’t already. We post there often, and some of that information isn’t available in the newsletter – webinar announcements, community news, alerts.

Hit the button below to check us out, or “Like” us to see opportunities that are upcoming! Also invite us to “Like” your page if you have one!

Interested in a FREE Face to Face Community Visit!
Needing guidance or help transitioning/organizing?
Wanting to show off your community?
Need strategic planning, ripple effects mapping or other resources?
Send us an email at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we will get one scheduled with you!

EVENTS CALENDAR
Quarterly Report Dates:
♦ January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th
Opportunity Dates:
♦ February 15, 2020 - Award Applications Due
2019 Kansas PRIDE Communities

The following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2019. If you want to see who was all enrolled last year, go to: https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/about/2018%20Kansas%20PRIDE%20Communities.pdf

And if you'd like to enroll this year, go here and click on the blue "Enroll "button: https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html. Communities enrolling after July of the current year will have the following full year count as their first year of enrollment for grant application purposes.

- Admire
- Agra
- Alton
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Basehor
- Baxter Springs
- Belleville
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Bushton
- Caney
- Centralia
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Dwight
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Fort Scott
- Frontenac
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Haysville
- Herndon
- Highland
- Hoyt
- Humboldt
- Independence
- Iola
- Kinsley
- La Harpe
- Lakin
- Larned
- Lecompton
- Lenora
- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Linn Valley
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Overbrook
- Ozawkie
- Park City
- Perry
- Potwin
- Quenemo
- Randolph
- Riley
- Rossville
- Rozel
- Russell
- Savonburg
- Stockton
- Toronto
- Vermillion
- Wakefield
- Wilson
- Yates Center