

UK Extension Community Needs Assessment Summary of Respondents' Comments Fleming County

A statewide survey was conducted between August and December 2023 to understand Kentuckian's perceptions of the extent to which practical education and assistance is needed in their communities. More than 35,000 Kentuckians, representing all 120 counties of the Commonwealth, responded to the survey. The survey consisted of four scales targeting needs related to: Agricultural and Natural Resources, Youth Development, Family and Individual Development, and Community and Economic Development. State- and county-level survey results are available <u>here</u>. The survey also included an open-ended question that asked respondents to describe other issues in their communities that need practical education and/or assistance. The table below summarizes responses to this question.

Summary of Respondents' Comments (N=24)					
Category	Description	# of	% of		
		Respondents	Total		
Civic, Public &	Practical education targeting community	2	8.3		
Governance	cohesion, engagement, and involvement;				
(Community	governance and responsible use of public funds				
Wellbeing and	and taxes; civics education, election education,				
Governance)	election processes, and protection of				
	constitutional rights; diversity, inclusion, and				
	cultural understanding; etc.				
School System/	Comments related to need for improvements in	3	12.5		
Education	public school facilities and public-school				
	programs; teacher pay and training; education				
	of special needs students; tutoring and other				
	supports for adult education; programs for				
	home-schooled children; vocational/trades				
	training; funding for college education; etc.				
Support for	Practical education to support seniors and	1	4.2		
Seniors the	elders in areas such as low-income housing,				
Elderly	transportation, help with chores and home				
	repairs; provision of senior centers, health care,				
	nursing homes/assisted living; respite for				
	caregivers; computer training for seniors;				
	programs to enhance connection and reduce				
	isolation; etc.				

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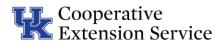
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Family	Practical education on topics related to	2	8.3
Development	parenting, discipline, and child wellbeing;	_	0.0
	training (and support) for relatives raising		
	children; support for parents raising children		
	with special needs; support and education on		
	domestic, child, and sexual abuse; respite for		
	caregivers; household money management and		
	budgeting; affordable/accessible childcare;		
	family time, activities for the family; etc.		
Support for Local	Practical education and support for small and	5	20.8
Agriculture,	family farms and new farmers; support for	-	
Farming, and	organic (or sustainable) and low chemical		
Gardening	farming; training on farmland preservation;		
5	training on farm safety and food safety on farms,		
	and farmers markets; market support for locally		
	produced foods; education on off-grid living and		
	home gardening; etc.		
Food Access,	Practical education and support on topics	1	4.2
•	related to hunger and food insecurity; food		
Eating	banks and pantries; nutrition education and		
-	access to healthy food; education on growing,		
	preserving, and canning food; etc.		
Infrastructure	Comments related to need for (and	1	4.2
	improvements in) infrastructures including		
	transportation, roads, sidewalks, public transit,		
	intercounty transit, trails; utility infrastructure		
	such as water, sewer, internet, and cell		
	service.		
Workforce	Education on workforce preparation and job	5	20.8
Preparation and	readiness; basic skills training; job training		
Employment	including vocational and trade schools; business		
	recruitment and economic development; support		
	for the working class (e.g., transportation to		
	work and childcare); need for living wage; etc.		
Youth	Need for youth development programs including	2	8.3
Development	recreation and physical activities, mental health		
	support, prevention of bullying, youth violence		
	and programs targeting youth life skills.		

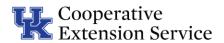
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Land Use &	Comments related to land use planning and	3	12.5
Development	zoning; land preservation and historic preservation; sign ordinances, visual quality, and beautification of community facilities; availability and use of parks, open spaces, and conservation areas; need for (and improvements to) public facilities (e.g., sports and recreation centers and conference centers).		
Health/Healthcare	Access to healthcare, cost of care, support for chronic illnesses; improvements to healthcare systems; programs (and advocacy) to promote holistic health, healthy choices (e.g., nutrition and physical activity) and healthy lifestyle advocacy.	2	8.3

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