

UK Extension Community Needs Assessment Summary of Respondents' Comments Owsley 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 here. 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=13)

Category	Description	# of	% of
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Civic, Public &	Practical education targeting community	2	15.4
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.		
Substance Use	Practical education targeting substance use	1	7.7
Prevention &	prevention, recovery, and sober living; treatment		
Recovery	centers and programs; smoking and vaping		
	cessation; transportation and employment		
	support for people in recovery; etc.		
School System/	Comments related to need for improvements in	2	15.4
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.		
Extension Specific	Comments related to County Extension office	3	23.1
Comments	staffing and operational hours; local Extension		
	funding issues and communication of resources;		

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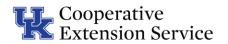
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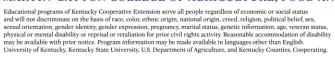
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	availability of specific Extension programs;		
	utilization of Extension facilities and meeting		
	rooms; etc.		
Family	Practical education on topics related to	3	23.1
Development	parenting, discipline, and child wellbeing;		
	training (and support) 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	2	15.4
Agriculture,	family farms and new farmers; support for		
Farming, and	organic (or sustainable) and low chemical		
Gardening	farming; training on farmland preservation;		
	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	2	15.4
•	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.		
Housing/Shelter	Need for support and education on	1	7.7
	homelessness and low income/ affordable		
	housing; housing for domestic abuse survivors;		
	teaching people how to take care of their		
144 1 6	property/homes; and housing for families.		77
Workforce	Education on workforce preparation and job	1	7.7
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		
Youth	work and childcare); need for living wage; etc. Need for youth development programs including	5	38.5
Development	recreation and physical activities, mental health	3	30.3
Developilient	support, prevention of bullying, youth violence		
	and programs targeting youth life skills.		
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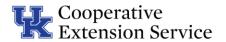
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Recreation &	Need for public buildings for exercise or	2	15.4
Physical Activity	recreation; parks and outdoor recreation		
	facilities (e.g., walking, hiking, and/or biking		
	trails); entertainment and play areas for children,		
	youth, and family; need for organizations like		
	Boy Scouts.		

Scan the QR code to access the UK Community Needs Assessment



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