

4-H Community Service/Service Learning Program Evaluation

Community Service and Service Learning are highly valued in the 4-H program. A properly constructed program will allow the youth to develop skills in assessing community need, planning and implementing the program. They gain valuable life skills in the areas of mastery, generosity, independence and belonging.

One possible method for conducting this evaluation is convening groups of teens who have completed a community service project and have a focused conversation about the benefits they realized as a result of the process. These questions could also be formatted into a written survey with degree of agreement indicated via a likert-type scale.

- 1) I am viewed as a leader by my peers...
- 2) Community leaders recognize my name...
- 3) My community is better off...
- 4) I have access to resourced I didn't know existed...
- 5) I have more people who I would consider close friends...
- 6) I have a more positive relationship with my family...
- 7) There are more adults involved in my life...

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