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THE VOICE

Association Newsletter



IEPYE Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 18 | 9:30 am

Join IEPYE at the Champaign County Extension/Farm Bureau - Champaign for our Annual Fall Meeting. Lunch will be provided with afternoon activities at Spurlock Museum

An invitation with a registration link will be coming to your inboxes soon!

Professional Development Opportunity: Meet the Author webinar



Topic - That's 4-H Cloverbud Activity Book

Date - August 27, 2025

Time - 2:30 PM CST, 30 Mins

Join IEPYE member, Carissa Nelson, and Sophia Schneider as they present on the Illinois-developed Cloverbud Activity Book! This is also a continuing education opportunity for leaders.

[Register Here](#)

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NAE4-HYDP Conference - Georgia On My Mind, 4H in My Heart

Date: October 28-30, 2025

Location: Hilton Atlanta | Atlanta, GA

The 2025 NAE4-HYDP Conference: Georgia on My Mind; 4-H in My Heart is focused on 4-H youth development professionals working together to improve their profession and the people with whom they work.

Registration is open!

Beyond Ready: Launching a New 4-H Year with Purpose

As we step into a new 4-H year, we're not just planning programs, we're shaping futures. Through our new initiative, Beyond Ready, we're empowering youth to build the skills, confidence, and resilience they need to thrive in life, not just in the next activity or event.

Every experience we offer helps young people grow beyond expectations. We're preparing them not just for today, but for whatever tomorrow brings.

Thank you for being the heart of this movement. Your creativity, care, and commitment make 4-H a place where youth don't just participate, they become ready for life.

Here's to a year of bold ideas, meaningful impact, and the joy of watching young people rise.

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Professional Development Opportunities

Educator fact sheets for facilitating high-quality out-of-school time learning - These six educator fact sheets provide out-of-school time educators with research-based teaching tips to help improve program quality and the experiences of youth participants.

Parental Experience in 4-H and its Effect on Youth Reenrollment by JoLynn Miller, Kendra Lewis, Jeannette Rea Keywood, Tim Ewers, Kali Trzesniewski, and Sarah Hensley. This study can be used to help 4-H programs recruit and retain more youth, as well as by other Extension programs to understand retention issues. Volume 63, Issue 2, DOI 10.34068/joe.63.02.13

Series of online learning fact sheets for youth development professionals and volunteers.

Supporting Productive Educator Practices for Out-of-School Time

Addressing Theoretical Gaps in Positive Youth Development for Diverse Youth

Building Partnerships with the Latino Community: Fact Sheet for 4-H Staff