

4-H Citizenship Logic Model – Civic Education

Situation	Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes		Impacts
	Focus Areas	Activities	Short term	Intermediate	Conditions
<p><i>Description of challenge, problem, or opportunity:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fewer than half of all states require high school students to complete a one semester course in government or civics. -Lack of civic knowledge and skills decrease the likelihood of engagement in community education. -Youth involved in a civic education group are more likely to understand the following: what are civic life, politics, and government; what is the foundation of the American Political System; what is the relationship of the United States to other nations and world affairs -More than one-third of United States high school students do not 	<p><i>What we invest:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Evidence-based and evidence-informed curricula -Land Grant and Public Universities -Human resources -Existing 4-H Youth Development and Families curricula, delivery modes, and programs -National reports and standards that establish benchmarks outcomes -Support of national partners -Research and literature focused on youth, family and community development -Financial support -Relationships with national, regional, state experts, networks, 	<p><i>What we do:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cooperative and experiential learning, non-formal education programs -Peer mentoring -Family engagement -Projects, trainings, workshops, internships and apprenticeships -Applied research -Evaluations -Convened coalitions -Grant proposals developed and awarded -Needs assessment -Social marketing campaigns -Disseminated and replicated programs -Published curricula and peer-reviewed articles/resources -Build authentic youth leadership opportunities within programming and organization 	<p><i>Occurs when there is a change in knowledge or the participants learn:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, youth and families -Gain knowledge of the importance of education of civic duties Youth and families -Positive attitude about education on public policies affecting the community Youth, family and the community -Develop skills to affectively educate the public about an issue Children, youth, families, and the community -Increase young people's aspiration in 	<p><i>Occur when there is a change in behavior or the participants act upon what they have learned and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, youth and families -Personally seeking civic education for self as well as community Youth and families -Create opportunities to affect change in the community Community -Provide access to places where knowledge can be gained 	<p><i>Occur when a societal condition is improved due to a participants action taken in the previous column:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, youth and families -Education will better the economic situation by increasing awareness and interest allowing more individuals and communities to become involved in solving the economic crisis Youth and families -Education about saving the environment will increase knowledge of healthy decisions improving the health of communities Youth, family and the community -Education of civic duties will lead to social improvements toward positive citizenship Children, youth, families and the community -Civic improvements will increase along with knowledge of communities' concerns and resource due to education

<p>have a basic understanding of democratic citizenship and government; therefore, lack the skills to competently participate as an informed citizen.</p> <p>-Youth in the United States demonstrate high levels of cognitive skills in interpreting political communication compared to those in other countries.</p>	<p>advocates and facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth leaders and partnerships with young people -Electronic resources -Government principles -Personal roles and responsibilities -History -Cultural heritage -Global Citizenship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Help young people deepen historical and cultural understanding of their experiences and community issues -Build skills and capacities of young people to be decision makers and problem solvers -Increase youth participation in community projects <p><i>Who we target:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth, families staff, volunteers, community leaders, partner organizations, collaborators -Special focus on new and underserved youth and families 	<p>educating the public about issues that may affect global change</p>		
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Assumption – 4-H makes valuable contribution to youth; Extension contributes to civic education in the youth and their families; youth and their families are more involved in meaningful learning experiences; 4-H youth will have more variety in choices and opportunities; 4-H programs promoting civic education will evolve; youth and their families have the ability to increase civic education among themselves and their communities; citizenship is a dynamic and fluid process and

External Factors – Peer influence has a strong impact on creating changes; families will continue to face resource constraints; demands on family time will continue to be a factor in the programs they choose to participate in over time; changes in civic education will impact young people and their families

the learning must reflect this approach; includes both short and long-term experiences; young people will drive their own learning with the support of an adult; technology accelerates learning; community is defined broadly and in many ways by the community members; opportunities will be provided for youth to have learning experiences at the local, state, national and global levels; youth and adults communicate, interact, and collaborate in new and innovative ways

