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Educational Program Focus:

- **Life Skills Development in Youth**

Educational activities in Okaloosa County include traditional 4-H Community Clubs, Residential Camping, Day Camps, School Enrichment activities, and Contests. Okaloosa County is estimated to have 31,528 4-H age youth residing in it based on the 2005

American Community Survey. Okaloosa County is home to two Air Force Bases, with an estimated 12,000 service men and women. Air Force youth have been identified as an at-risk audience. Okaloosa County 4-H meets the needs of this audience by collaborating with Air Force Youth Programs on the bases to provide resources for military 4-H clubs and afterschool activities.

- **Volunteer Management**

The Okaloosa County 4-H Volunteer Management Program consists of four activities: volunteer recruiting, volunteer screening, volunteer trainings, volunteer updates, individual volunteer consultations and volunteer recognition and retention. The agent is available for volunteer consultations via office hours, client visits, phone calls and emails. The agent also provides updates regarding 4-H policies and activities through meetings and emails.



Work Experience

- 7 years 2003 – Present Okaloosa County Extension Agent – 4-H/Youth Development
- 2 years 2001-2003 Okaloosa County 4-H Program Coordinator

Education

- 2002 Masters Degree Agriculture Education University of Florida
- 1999 Bachelors Degree Animal Science University of Florida