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4-H Youth Development
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Educational Program Focus:

4H Program Development

Implement educational programs to develop critical thinking skills, leadership, and self-efficacy for Leon County youth through community clubs, school programs, and summer camps.

Areas of interest: STEM, animal behavior, horticulture, conservation, literacy, civic engagement, and healthy living.

Volunteer Recruitment and Development

Recruit, train, and support a diverse group of volunteers that share our mission to empower the youth of Leon County to reach their fullest potential in a safe, creative, and inclusive environment. Collaborate with local businesses to advertise and promote 4-H to encourage greater visibility and participation.

Work Experience:

Graduate Research Assistant	2020-2022
Professional Dog Trainer	2017-2020
Veterinary Technician	2014-2021
Food Microbiologist	2012-2014

Education:

Master of Science	Soil and Water Sciences	University of Florida	2022
Bachelor of Science	Microbiology and Cell Science	University of Florida	2012