

Ohio 4-H Clubs

advisors handbook

The Ohio 4-H Organizational Structure

How is 4-H Structured in Ohio?

Understanding who is commissioning the 4-H program and funding the team's experiences will help you better realize your role with your club team. The Ohio 4-H program is part of the Ohio State University Extension and the federal Extension Service through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A State 4-H staff, under the direction of [Dr. Jeff King, Director and State 4-H Leader](#), gives leadership to the overall Ohio 4-H Program.

Do you know your roles on the 4-H coaching staff?

County Extension offices are your local door to the Ohio 4-H Program and OSU Extension. Staffed by one or more Ohio State University Extension Educators, Program Coordinators, Program Assistants, and/or Support Staff that plan, implement and evaluate a comprehensive 4-H Youth Development program and other core program areas including Agriculture and Natural Resources, Horticulture, Family & Consumer Sciences and Community Development.

How is 4-H Funded in Ohio?

OSU Extension and 4-H is tax supported through a cooperative agreement between county, state and federal government. Your county commissioners are important partners in providing the essential financial resources to fund your local 4-H and Extension programs. Your local Extension and 4-H Advisory Committee(s) are involved with staff in helping to raise funds through local fundraising efforts, establishment of endowment funds, solicitation of gifts and donations, establishment of fees and/or applying for grants to supplement and support greater diversity of local programming.

