

4-H Afterschool and Delaware State Housing Authority Start a New Year



Since 2009, 4-H Afterschool has been working with youth at the local community centers right where they live. Every day, youth in grades Kindergarten through 6th participate in the 4-H Afterschool program, receiving snack, homework help, tutoring and fun, educational 4-H activities. These programs run through a grant from the 21st Century Learning Centers, University of Delaware and partnerships with local schools and the Delaware State Housing Authority.

The programs are located at Liberty Court in Dover, Mifflin Meadows in Camden Wyoming, Clarks Corner in Harrington, Laverty Lane in Bridgeville, Burton Village in Rehoboth, and Hickory Tree in Selbyville. Each day the 4-H staff works with an average of 10-20 youth, all with different academic and emotional needs and abilities. Often older 4-H members, who enjoyed the program so much, return as youth volunteers after graduating to seventh grade or higher.

In the past, the 4-H members have participated in such project areas as Arts and Crafts, Sewing, Foods and Nutrition, Life Skills, Physical Activities and Healthy Lifestyles, Photography, Videography, Journalism, Computers, and much, much more! As 4-H members, youth enrolled in these programs can participate in all 4-H sponsored activities and events, including county and state level competitions, camps, youth leadership and enter projects and competitions at the Delaware State Fair.

As the year unfolds, look for these amazing youth as they make their presence even more known.

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