

4-H meeting with Jen Matosky, 4-H Sublette, Sublette Prevention Coalition members, DFS, and Sublette County Treatment Court to discuss opportunities for leadership development for Sublette youth

October 22, 2020

Via Zoom

Present:

Jen Matosky, Sublette 4-H Coordinator

Cassie Crumpton, Sublette County Treatment Court Coordinator

Annie Adams, DFS case manager; Co-Chair SPC Opiates and Other Drugs Task Force

Sarah Murdock, Food Basket Board, Bridges out of Poverty, Co-Chair SPC Opiates and Other Drugs Task Force

Joey Burke, WYDOT Impaired Driving grant coordinator, Co-Chair SPC Tobacco Task Force

Trisha Scott, SPC Coordinator

Meeting Notes:

Jen introduced the 4-H mission: to promote “positive youth development”, and gave an overview of current programs available to Sublette youth ages 8 - 18. Here is an abbreviated list:

Robotics	Livestock
Photography	Health
Cooking	Sewing
Welding	Interior Design
Rockets	Cake decorating
Geology	Shooting
Archery	

Annual costs are \$5. per member to register, first year membership is free.

Travel to competitions around the state can be reimbursed at 50%.

Sign up for projects can go on all year depending on the project.

4-H is funded through UW, local county governments, and the 4-H Foundation. Scholarships are available for projects (like livestock) that cost more than the initial membership.

4-H members learn parliamentary procedures to run their own meetings. They participate in community service such as doing a food drive for the Food Basket and local fundraisers.

4-H is in all Sublette communities including Bondurant and La Barge. (Honorary Sublette community) .

Discussion and agreements:

Those present agreed that there are youth in Sublette who would benefit from the pro-social leadership opportunities 4-H offers. These possible future programs that may meet community needs were discussed::

- “SPIN”: special interest projects geared towards career development and planning for the future.
- “Skills to Pay the Bills”: vocational education with rotating speakers from the community.
- “Teen Institute”
- “Strong Families, Strong Wyoming” curriculum
- Financial literacy
- Guitar club, other music clubs

We made these agreements:

- **Cassie** will write a letter introducing Jen Matosky to the County Attorney’s Office, Shane Templar, SCSO probation officer, and Annie Adams for them to communicate about 4-H activities available as a possible part of diversion. (Done and sent 10/22)
- **Annie** will reach out to Jen for a complete list of 4-H projects.
- **Trisha** will reach out to Wyoming prevention coordinators to learn which specific counties are currently working with 4-H and what exactly are they doing?
- **Joey** will call Annie about independent transitional living plans for Sublette DFS.
- We will meet again in the 3rd week of January to review progress. How about Thursday January 21 at 2 pm?

NOTE: After the meeting concluded Joey and Sarah shared concerns that for DFS kids to feel success with engaging in 4-H there may need to be a “scaffolding” process like having a buddy, a peer specialist, or a liaison in the early stages of involvement. This can be discussed at our next meeting.