



Extension Council Update January 31, 2022



Extension Council Conference 2022

This conference, sponsored by the Iowa Extension Council Association is all about the work of extension councils! Council members and the extension and outreach professionals who work with them are encouraged to plan now to join us for a day of making connections.

Connect with people

- County extension council members
- IECA Board members and leaders
- County and regional extension professionals
- Iowa State University Extension and Outreach leadership team

Connect strategies

Identify opportunities to bring programs and resources to the citizens in your county. Learn strategies for greater effectiveness as a council member.

Connect ideas

Link solutions to challenges encountered by your clientele, your extension staff and your council.

Plan to attend the 2022 extension council conference and experience the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center in Ames. Participate in engaging discussions and rich

Register Now for Extension Council Conference

Register Now for Iowa Legislative Insider

It's not too late to register for the Iowa Legislative Insider event on Wednesday, February 9 in Des Moines. This is a great opportunity for council members and 4-H youth to share the good work that extension and outreach does in your county with the legislators who help determine the amount of our budget line for state funding.

Agenda for the Day

- 9:00 a.m. - Registration at the Wallace Building
- 9:30 - Legislative update and conversations with student legislative pages
- 10:30 - Visit with legislators at the Capitol
- 12:00 p.m. – Depart for the Des Moines Botanical Garden
- 12:30 - Lunch
- 1:00 - Workshops (rotate to all three): Youth in Action, Civil Discourse, Youth-Adult Partnerships
- 2:45 - Capstone Conversation
- 3:00 - Depart for home



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Seeking IECA Board Nominations

We are currently seeking nominations for the Iowa Extension Council Board of Directors in Regions 1, 3, 12, 13, combined regions 15-16-17, 20, 25, and 27. Board members represent the extension council members in their region and serve to promote networking between county extension councils of Iowa, Iowa State University, and government leaders to promote and strengthen all local and statewide Extension programs. Terms run for 3 years.

To find out more about the IECA Board of Directors, take a look at the [Nomination](#)

Employee Assistance Program Reenrollment

Counties will soon receive reenrollment information for the [Employee Assistance Program](#) (EAP) for April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. The IECA executive board voted to keep premiums at \$25 per employee again this year. This is a great inexpensive benefit to offer to county employees to assist with both personal and professional issues they may be experiencing. Councils should also consider adopting this as a permanent employee benefit which would eliminate the need to vote/approve the expense each year.

Counties who have not participated in EAP through IECA's program with Employee & Family Resources in the past will also receive information about enrolling this year.

Council Training Webinars

IECA has sponsored two recent webinars that have been recorded for those who were unable to make the live presentation. Both webinars have great information for council members and county staff. Watch them on your own - or plan a time to watch them together as an extension council!

- [Serving All Iowans](#) | Presentation and discussion about diversity, equity, and inclusion in our councils and our programs; presented by Regenea Hurte, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisor for Extension and Outreach (29 minutes)
 - [Behavior & Rule Management for Fairs and Events](#) | Explains Positive Youth Development guidelines to aid county extension staff and extension councils in navigating possible behavior and rule infractions as they pertain to fairs and events; presented by Mike Anderson, State Ag and Natural Resources Program Manager, 4-H Youth Development (53 minutes)
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4-H Quarterly Newsletter

Looking for more information about 4-H Youth Development programming? [Sign up for the 4-H Quarterly News](#) from 4-H Youth Development. Read the [January edition](#) now.

Save the Date

- [IECA and 4-H Legislative Insider](#) - Des Moines - Wednesday, February 9, 2022

- Extension Council Conference – Ames - Saturday, March 5, 2022 (target audience is council members and the extension and outreach professionals who work with them)work with them)
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Extension Annual Conference – Tuesday, March 8, 2022 (all staff and council



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