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Extension Advisory Council

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What is the Advisory Council?

- ⇒ The Unit Advisory Council is a very important part of the U of I Extension. Extension relies on the **Council members to advise, advocate and support** the functions of the Extension programs and efforts.
- ⇒ The Council helps meet the challenge of maintaining a close relationship and awareness in each county. Advisory Council members can serve as **“eyes and ears” within the local county** communities and through programs offered in each county.
- ⇒ In **accordance with state law** known as the “County Cooperative Extension Law”, each Extension Unit is required to utilize an Advisory Council.
- ⇒ Extension councils **cooperate with Extension staff** in planning, promoting, developing, implementing, evaluating, and financing an Extension program designed to meet the needs, interests, and resources of the local communities served.
- ⇒ The Extension council is **an advisory group**.

Who serves on the Council?

- ⇒ **Individuals** willing to represent their organization, community or interest in Extension services and resources as **related to the following areas**:
 - 4-H Youth Development
 - Food Safety and Security
 - Economic Development and Workforce Preparedness
 - Family Health, Financial Security and Wellness
 - Energy and Environmental Stewardship
- ⇒ **Five to seven members from each of the three counties for a total of 15-21 Council members. One or two teen representatives are an important addition, if they can be identified.**

When and Where does the Council meet?

- ⇒ The Extension Council holds four meetings throughout the year. The meetings are held in September/October, December, April/May and summer(4-H Fairs). Meeting locations vary. Dates are determined by members' availability.

How long is a commitment to serve?

- ⇒ New members **take seat on the Council at the Fall meeting** and serve a two-year term with a maximum of two terms. **(generally four years)**