Connecting In a Virtual World

CYFAR PD 2021
How We Pivoted

March–April 2020
Distance Programming
Assisting schools in connecting with families

May–July
Distance Programming

August–December
Virtual Summer Academy

January 2021
Parent Tech Help

March
Virtual Family Sessions

April
Students return to in-person

May
In person Summer Academy

June–July
Summer Kick Off
What Did NOT Work

• 1-1 Success Coaching via Zoom
• Connected with students if they did not have their own phone.
What Worked

• Students connected with their own phones.
• Fun nights via zoom.
• Connected via home visits.
• Tagging along with school events.
Moving Forward

Evergreen content for in-person or virtual.

Virtual toolbox as a back-up.
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What we’ve learned . . .

UNITY’s success during the pandemic has been about:

• Building relationships
• Creating partnerships
• Providing supports and opportunities
• Ensuring “youth voice”
• Getting creative
Ensuring “youth voice” and getting creative means...

- Finding support for Youth Community Action projects
- Programming with other Extension educators—like Nutrition!
- Creating real world opportunities for youth employment experiences
Some examples and lessons learned from 4-H UNITY

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