

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT METHODS – Standard CES Definitions Across Programs

Board Meetings – meetings with a small group who offer advice to a specific organization or group, such as EHC board, 4-H Council, Chamber of Commerce, Fair Board, Farm Bureau, etc. Members may be elected or appointed.

Committee Meetings – a group of people who provide direction for educational programs or perform other tasks such as recruiting participants, publicity, and assisting with logistics.

Demonstrations – an educational method used to communicate an idea by showing and telling the steps involved with a step-by-step explanation of a procedure.

Educational Display – an exhibit in a public space that creates awareness, encourages the adoption of a new practice, or educates about a specific subject (example - Body Walk).

Farm Visits – a visit to a farm to give or obtain information

Field Days/Trips/Farm Tour – a visit to a business, industry, school, government agency, etc., made for purposes of firsthand observation, study, and discussion (example – Conservation Days).

***Individual consultation** – a face-to-face contact.

***Mass Media** – medium of communication such as a newspaper, journal, publication, magazine, radio, television, or an exhibit that is designed to reach masses of people.

***Newsletters** – a paper or electronic document containing educational articles and information of interest that is printed and distributed to a specific group.

Planning Meetings – single or multiple meetings with two or more persons for planning a specific educational activity or event.

Online Education – the use of a content management system, such as Educator or WebCT, to enroll clientele/students in web-based educational program in which their progress is monitored and recorded.

Seminars – a series of meetings lasting one or more days to study, work on, and discuss a specific topic or specific program. Seminars usually include a variety of teaching methods including lectures, demonstrations, hands-on activities, expert presentations, and/or a tour.

*These 3 methods are not listed with objective methods due to the fact these 3 methods are reported separately in AIMS.

Train the Trainer – an educational activity for the purpose of training two or more leaders or volunteers to implement a specific program related to leadership or volunteerism. The training should include the principles and concepts of the subject matter, how to use curricula, evaluation methods, and reporting requirements.

Workshops – one or two meetings to study, work on, or discuss a specific topic. A workshop may include a variety of teaching methods such as a demonstration, lecture, and/or hands-on activities.

Overnight Camping – includes being away from home at least one night (resident, primitive, or travel camping) and is not restricted to members of organized 4-H clubs. Youth taking part in an Extension-planned educational experience of group living in the out-of-doors.

Day Camping – consists of multiple-day programs with youth returning home each evening. Youth taking part in an Extension-planned educational experience of group living in the out-of-doors.

Instructional TV/Video Programs – learning experiences through Extension via broadcast or closed circuit television including satellite transmission or videotape replays of such series.

4-H Enrichment Programs – groups of youth receiving a sequence of learning experiences in cooperation with school officials during school hours to support the school curriculum. Involves direct teaching by extension staff of trained volunteers and teachers.

4-H Individual Study/Mentoring/Family Learning Programs – planned learning that occurs independently of a formal group setting (such as a club) as an individual, paired, or family learning effort. Self directed; usually with limited adult involvement except for parents or a mentor. Examples include self-study, home study courses, advanced placement courses, mentoring or shadowing with an “expert,” and whole families learning together.