

# Thurston County

## 2020 Impact At-A-Glance



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Thurston County Extension brings STEM programming to area after school programs. Focusing on critical thinking, problem solving, and teamwork to engage their curiosity in the STEM world all around.

Picking one student from the three after school programs, Thurston Extension serves, is impossible. All come from different backgrounds but need a place to go after school and so Nebraska Extension brings in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) challenge fun. An environment to challenge their previous thinking, realize they can learn from each other and it's not cheating or stealing, and in the end they all can be successful is the goal. Any point in the design thinking process is a success, as they learn to simply attempt to tackle a problem and develop a solution for themselves.

### Programs At-A-Glance

- **4-H reach:** 4 out of 5 delivery modes were used to reach youth in Thurston County, through 4-H Clubs, school enrichment, after school, and special interest programs in 2020.
- **Connecting the Dots:** Thurston Extension, Nebraska Indian Community College, & local employers partnered to give Omaha Nation & Walthill 9-10 graders a career exploration experience.

**80%** of all Thurston County Private Pesticide Applicators took advantage of Nebraska Extension Trainings.

**12** clients were a part of the first Nebraska Extension Farm Succession Workshop in Thurston County.

**98%** of Connecting the Dots students understood that it is important for you to be trusted by an employer.