

Cedar County

2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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“I feel so much more empowered, emotionally secure, and overjoyed than I did before coming. I feel like I can better connect with my peers, director, and the children because of this conference.”

Early childhood professionals are the backbone of the workforce, playing a vital role in children’s brain development. As part of Cedar County’s involvement with Communities for Kids, the county hosted its inaugural CECO Early Childhood Conference, bringing professional development to participants from seven northeast Nebraska counties. Thirty-seven local businesses sponsored the event, recognizing that quality early childhood care supports workforce success and family growth. Hands-on sessions empowered professionals, indirectly benefiting over 700 children. Designed to affirm, rejuvenate, and equip attendees, 96% said they will use what they learned to strengthen connections with children, families, colleagues, and communities.

Programs At-A-Glance

Extension and local libraries collaborate to enhance youth learning through the Summer Reading Program, monthly afterschool activities, and STEM Backpacks, delivering hands-on experiences that spark curiosity, build critical thinking, and inspire lifelong learning.

212

secondary connections stemmed from 82 participants at the Virtual Forage Field Day.

42%

growth in one year for the Cedar County 4-H Sharp Shooters Archery program.

70%

of forage program participants indicated they would begin covering their silage pile.



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