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FACT SHEET

DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS WITH 4-H NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS/DIVISION OF YOUTH AND 4-H

4-H HAS A BROAD REACH AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM. 4-H National Headquarters provides national and federal leadership to the 4-H program from within the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s (NIFA) Division of Youth and 4-H. • 4-H National Headquarters does

consider entering into mutually beneficial relationships with other organizations and agencies. The types of formal partnerships that may be considered are described below. • For more information or to explore a potential partnership, contact 4-H National Headquarters at 4Hhq@nifa.usda.gov.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT Interagency Agreements are between either the NIFA or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and another federal agency and are designed to express a formal working relationship between the agencies. These agreements create mutually beneficial initiatives or programs related to research, extension, education, and/or stakeholder participation.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT Partnership Agreements are between 4-H National Headquarters and a public or private entity that supports positive youth development. These entities have values and principles that align with 4-H National Headquarters and are able to provide resources that support and/or enhance mutual objectives. Partnership Agreements are designed for one-time events and/or short-term project-specific goals and initiatives.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Memoranda of Understanding are between either NIFA or USDA and a public or private entity that supports positive youth development. These entities have values and principles that align with 4-H National Headquarters and are able to provide resources that support and or enhance mutual objectives. Memoranda are designed for long-term relationship building and initiatives that mutually support organizational missions and visions. Memoranda are typically signed for five years.



Relationships that reach from USDA Secretary Purdue to the individual 4-H youth is a key strength of the 4-H program. Members of Georgia's 4-H visit with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue at the National 4H Conference in Chevy Chase, MD., April 10, 2018.

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