

# Butler County

## 2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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A 2023 Rural Fellow survey revealed Butler County's childcare gap as a top 3 concern. In 2024, Nebraska Extension responded by educating youth through the impactful Building Better Babysitters program.



The Nebraska Extension Early Childhood team is dedicated to equipping caregivers with the best practices to nurture children's growth. One of our impactful programs, **Building Better Babysitters**, empowers youth with vital caregiving skills, including child development, safety procedures, snack preparation, and emergency readiness. Recently, in Butler County, thirteen young participants successfully completed 12 hours of hands-on training, earning certification to showcase their new skills. These youth babysitters play a key role in addressing the childcare gap, offering temporary care during nontraditional hours. This program's success reflects the power of community collaboration. Local volunteers generously shared their expertise by teaching first aid, while a thoughtful donor provided lunch for the participants. Together, we're fostering confident, capable caregivers and supporting the needs of families in our community.

*Area Engagement Zone Coordinator with Nebraska Extension was invited to join a sub-committee dedicated to downtown revitalization, offering valuable connections to support local efforts. While led by David City officials, the collaboration with UNL Extension enhances the city's capacity to advance this initiative.*

# \$3,044

amount saved through Double Up Food Buck earnings to buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

# 37

consumers received sustainable greenspace management and pest control information.

# 2,106

K-12 interactions made through Butler County 4-H Youth Development Programming.



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