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Project: Berkshire County 4-H Tech Wizards

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Project Overview

The 4-H Tech Wizards program is designed to expose youth to technology, help them understand how to better utilize it, have some experiences with it and learn about different possible careers that involve technology.

These 4-H members, meeting for a set number of times as a 4-H group with a specific technology focus (using a broad spectrum of options) as a project, youth will learn about that technology as well as participate in community service. Each group will have the opportunity to have a family night where their families are invited to learn and see what the youth has been working on in the group.

Activity Summary – 2015

- After School Workshops (35)
- Club Exhibits (3)
- Community Service Initiatives (5)
- Family Nights (4)

Total Educational contacts

	Youth	Adult	
	Contacts	Contacts	
In Person	295	20	
Indirect Contacts			
(Print, Web, etc)			

Narrative Summary and Impact

There are many small successes in mentoring. They come in the form of a youth finally talking about a topic or trusting someone with an object or knowledge of something or just asking a question.

Youth in this program develop a relationship with a mentor while experiencing different S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) workshops. Through these workshops, relationships, and community service opportunities the youth will learn about career options that they may not have been considering as possibilities for themselves.

