

Ohio 4-H

LGBTQ+ SUMMIT

SUCCESSSES

- **Unwavering support from administration** of Ohio 4-H, OSU Extension, and The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES)
- **Financial assistance** from the Ohio 4-H Foundation and CFAES Office of Equity and Inclusion
- Positive affirmation from neighboring 4-H programs with **multiple states registering** representatives
- Recognition from Ohio 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth that LGBTQ+ education is necessary
- **Media coverage** by marketing and media relations of The Ohio State University
- Protections offered through the **University's non-discrimination clause**

CHALLENGES

- **Vocal disapproval** by select 4-H parents and volunteers
- Occasional **social media responses of negative reaction**
- Phone calls and emails to 4-H professionals **questioning the purpose of the event**
- **Families threatening to leave** the Ohio 4-H program
- Disapproving 4-H clientele **calling local legislators** to voice their concerns
- **Rumors of an organized protest**
- **Unwillingness of some 4-H professionals to share Summit information** in their counties



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