

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension State Staff Conference  
Concurrent Session – Wednesday, August 17/11:00 AM  
August 16-18, 2022**

***The Power of We...Collaboration, Strategy, Teamwork***

***By leveraging program strategies such as Healthy School Recognized Campus, Master Volunteers, and working synergistically with internal and external partners, teams can work better together to expand programmatic reach. This session explores how to increase audience size in both rural and urban counties, break the barriers of control, and maximize your effectiveness within a 40-hour work week.***

This presentation will include a brief introduction by Dana and Paula to include the purpose of the session and descriptions of each project below. A panel of agents/specialist will be asked questions with the focus of Collaboration, Strategy and Teamwork. Because time is short, each response should be a couple of minutes per person. The response should tie to the focus and include how it related to the particular project. The goal is to demonstrate “it is not about me, but we”.

Denita Young, D4 4-H specialist will end the session with an interactive demonstration of “The Power of We”.

1. Introduction – 5 minutes
  - a. Connections and Impact with McLennan Community College – Colleen Folleen, Jerod Meurer
  - b. Wellness 2020 Healthy School Recognized Campus – Julie Gardner
  - c. Enhancing the local 4-H Experience Through School Clubs – Becky Coward
  - d. Building Capacity through Master Wellness Volunteers – Brittany Martin, Liz Espie

We need 3-4 sentences to include a 1 sentence project description, 1 for partner/team, and 1 for project impact. **Please send this to Dana or Paula by Monday, August 8.**

2. Collaboration – 10 minutes
  - a. How did you determine there was a need for this collaboration? (example: one agent county, request for specialist assistance, partner initiated the contact)  
Be prepared to give 1-3 brief responses utilizing approximately two minutes per person.
3. Strategy – 10 minutes
  - a. What was the approach taken to move the project forward?
  - b. How did this increase your impact and efficiency? (example: capacity of programming, impact, numbers reached, focus)
4. Teamwork – 10 minutes
  - a. How did the team evolve?
  - b. How did you become comfortable with other team members taking on leadership roles?
5. Energy Ball Activity – 10 minutes