Services Provided Through State and Federal Indirect Support

**Specialists**
Counties can draw upon the expertise of approximately 245 state specialists housed on seven university campuses. These specialists provide statewide educational leadership, conduct research with and for counties and serve as informational resources to counties. These specialists work in six program areas, which include the following. In addition, specialists travel to your counties to conduct specialized workshops and work with county Cooperative Extension faculty and staff to address local issues. Specialists offer assistance through:
- The Local Government Center
- Center for Dairy Profitability
- Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey
- Water Quality
- Teen Court
- Child and Family Studies

**Research to Address Everyday Issues**
UW-Extension specialists work with county faculty and staff to provide your county with practical, beneficial research. We can draw upon this body of research to respond to local needs in our communities.

**Technology**
Through local Cooperative Extension offices, you have access to a wide array of computer support and software, audio conferencing services, instructional design, web-based communications, educational satellite and videos and more, due to our ties with the university system.

**Grant Writing**
County faculty and staff can work with state and federal partners to write grants in efforts to bring in new dollars for local programming.

**Publications and University Relations Specialists**
Campus-based resources include a team of professional publishers who help local faculty and staff publish to share research-based educational information, which benefits local programming. Campus-based resources also include university relations specialists who help county faculty and staff improve communications with the media and partners, to enhance quality educational programming.

**University Resources**
Residents of your county benefit from the wealth of resources offered to your county Cooperative Extension Office through the University of Wisconsin system, including the library system, educational centers, bulletins and educational materials. One example is access to the Applied Population Lab, a group of research and outreach professionals dedicated to providing the most reliable demographic and economic data currently available.

**Program Evaluation**
The Program Development and Evaluation unit provides training and technical assistance to help campus and community-based faculty and staff plan, implement and evaluate high quality educational programs. PD&E has played a major role in improving programs and accountability by offering in-service educational programs, resource material development, consultation, administrative support and management of high priority evaluations.

**Other Resources**
Your local county Extension office also provides you with access to the Media Collection with more than 2,800 educational resources and the expertise of the Distance Education Unit.