Interested in promoting healthy habits at a young age, supporting local economies, and addressing equity in your state?

Consider an exciting new farm to early care and education (ECE) opportunity: ASPHN 2020-21 Farm to ECE Implementation Grant (FIG)

✓ Strengthen and build diverse, multi-organizational state farm to ECE coalitions
✓ Network and access other states and experts working on farm to ECE
✓ Identify policy, systems, practices and environment changes to support farm to ECE
✓ Help sustain local food systems in your state
✓ Implement robust, comprehensive state-wide farm to ECE
✓ Help farm to ECE stakeholders respond to COVID-19 challenges and rebuilding after the pandemic to ensure long-term sustainability.
About the FIG:

Early care and education (ECE) settings, which include child care centers, family child care homes, prekindergarten classrooms, and Head Start programs, present an important opportunity for healthy early childhood development and obesity prevention. ECEs are a priority setting for CDC’s obesity prevention efforts in the United States. CDC is supporting a new ASPHN initiative focused on expanding state farm to ECE programs as an effective way to teach healthy habits at a young age, support local economies, and address equity.

This funding and technical assistance opportunity will support nutrition professionals at the state level, with preference given to those at state health departments but other related state agencies may be allowable leads. Teams will include key state early childhood and food systems partners to implement and advance comprehensive farm to ECE programs statewide.

10-12 states will be selected to participate in this project. Each state team will receive roughly $75,000 to $100,000 beginning late 2020 to participate in the FIG. Participating states will be required to build a diverse state farm to ECE coalition, hold monthly coalition meetings, have team leads participate in ASPHN leadership trainings, meet monthly with program managers, join regular webinars or meetings related to farm to ECE, and submit a final report.

**Anticipated FIG Benefits:**

- Tailored technical support from national experts
- Monthly webinars and trainings led by professionals in the field
- Access to curated resources and events
- Networking, collaborating, and learning with other states
- Applying tested tools to increase equity and reach of state farm to ECE initiatives
- Dedicated funds to build farm to ECE capacity in your state

For states interested in learning more and potentially applying email Emia Oppenheim, PhD, RD, LD (emia@asphn.org) by August 25th, 2020.

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