



ASPHN Grantees 2022 Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) Online Learning Session

Leveraging Farm to ECE to Engage Families and Address Equity

March 29-31st, 2022

The 2022 Farm to ECE Online Learning Session focused on practical and innovative approaches to engage families, integrating culturally relevant foods, and future opportunities in upcoming legislative bills. Speakers shared Farm to ECE lived experiences, knowledge of childhood development, and information on bills pending in 2022 and beyond. Each speaker session was followed by enriching discussions that dove deeper into related Farm to ECE topics.

Note that all speaker sessions at the 2022 Farm to ECE Online Learning Session were recorded but discussions on March 29th and 30th were not recorded. Some of the breakout rooms on March 31st were recorded. See list of links below.

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March 29th - [Leveraging Farm to ECE Initiatives to Engage Families and Address Equity](#)

1-1:15

Welcome and Introductions

Speakers: Diane Harris, PhD, MPH, CHES, Senior Health Scientist and Team Lead, CDC
Emia Oppenheim PhD, MPhil, RDN, Consultant, ASPHN

1:15-2:00

Opening Session: [Family Engagement in Farm to ECE](#)

Speakers: Devonya Govan-Hunt, PhD, MEd, President Charlotte National Black Child Development Institute
Atiya Wells, RN, BSN, Founder and Executive Director of Backyard Basecamp, Inc.

[Day 1 Powerpoint](#)

2-2:10

[Guided Stretch](#)

2:10-3:00

Family Engagement Discussion (Not Recorded)

Discussion Prompts - [The What, the Why and the How Discussion](#)

March 30th - [Celebrating Culturally Relevant Foods in ECE Settings](#)

1-1:15

Welcome and Introductions

Speakers: Claire Heiser, MS, RD, Team Lead, CDC
Lacy Stephens, MPH, MS, RDN, Programs Director, NFSN

1:15- 2:00

Opening Session: [Culturally Relevant Food in Child Nutrition Programs](#)

Facilitator: Lacy Stephens, MPH, MS, RDN, Programs Director, NFSN
Speakers: Nausher Khan, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Red Rabbit
Valerie Segrest, BSN, MA, Native Nutrition Educator and Cultural Consultant, Tahoma Peak Solutions, and Muckleshoot Member

[Day 2 Powerpoint](#)

2-2:10

[African Dance Break](#)

2:10-3:00

Incorporating Culturally Preferred Foods Discussion (not recorded)

[Rose, Bud & Thorn \(and Rose Ceremony\)](#) Prompts

March 31st - [Impact and Opportunity in Federal Early Care and Education Policy](#)

1-1:15 Welcome and Introductions

Speaker: Carrie Dooyema MSN, MPH, RN, ECE Team Lead, CDC
Emia Oppenheim PhD, MPhil, RDN, Consultant, ASPHN

1:15-2:00 [Opening Session: Understanding the Impact of Potential Changes to Federal Early Care and Education Policy](#)

Speakers: Jeff Capizzano, MPP, President, Policy Equity Group
Geraldine Henchy, MPH, RD, Director Nutrition Policy and
Early Childhood Programs, Food Research & Action Center

[Day 3 Powerpoint](#)

2-2:10 [Guided Giraffe Breathe and Stretch](#)

2:10-2:50 Speaker Rooms: Supporting Providers in Farm to ECE Ahead

Room 1 [Supporting ECE Providers: Understand and Align Farm to ECE within the Quality Rating System](#)

Facilitators: Reynaldo Green, Vice-President, Nutrition and Family
Well-Being, Quality Care for Children
Nora A. Geary, MPH, MSW, McKing Consulting,
OPCB/DNPAO/NCCDPHP/CDC

[Powerpoint](#)

Room 2 *Supporting ECE Providers with Best Practices for Farm to ECE Gardens and Gardening Programs. (No Recording)*

Facilitator: Sarah Pounders, MS, Senior Education Specialist
Kidsgardening

[Powerpoint](#)

Room 3 [Supporting ECE Providers: Increasing Farm to ECE Access with Farm to ECE Federal Funding Opportunities.](#)

Farm to Early Childhood Funding Guide- [pdf](#)

Facilitators: Francis Einterz, MS, Senior Director of Early Childhood Equity Initiatives, The Policy Equity Group
Katie Jacobs, MPH, RD, Early Childhood Nutrition Programs & Food Systems Associate, Food Research & Action Center

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Room 4 [*Supporting ECE Providers: Improving Professional Development through Learning Collaboratives.*](#)

Facilitator: Caliste Boswell Chong, MS, Senior Program and Policy Analyst, Nemours National Office of Policy and Prevention

[Powerpoint](#)

Room 5 [*Supporting ECE Providers: Aligning Farm to ECE with Head Start.*](#)

Facilitator: Kristina Ellis, MPA, Manager, The Academy at National Head Start Association (NHSA)

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3pm **Closing**