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### FIG TO ECE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **199,894 children**
- **4,334 ECE sites**
- **8,445 ECE educators**
- **382 mini-grants** to ECEs and farmers to support Farm to ECE accomplishments and activities; demand for mini-grants far exceeded funding capacity, with **over 1,450 applicants total**
- **Developed freely available Farm to ECE websites, tools, and resources**
- **Hosted virtual and in-person Farm to ECE trainings for ECE educators, farmers, and food producers**
- **Created culturally tailored training, resources, and tools that have been translated into Amharic, Arabic, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Navajo, and Spanish**

### FIG FARM TO ECE PROGRAMS HAVE IMPACTED:

- **FIG Farm to ECE accomplishments**
- **FIG Funding and Infrastructure**
- **FIG Tools and Trainings**
- **FIG Teams received over $4 million in funding**
- **Outdoor of the FIG, increasing the long-term sustainability of coalitions’ farm to ECE work**

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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### WHY FARM TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION?

- **Locally Sourced Food**
  - Provides children with healthy and locally sourced meals, snacks, and food tastings
- **Fruits and Vegetables**
  - Increases children’s acceptance of, preferences for, and consumption of fruits and vegetables
- **Food Education**
  - Teaches children about nutrition, growing food, and cooking
- **Healthy Habits**
  - Helps children develop healthier eating habits for long-term wellbeing
- **Hands-On Learning**
  - Engages children in hands-on gardening, farm field trips, and classroom visits from local farmers
- **Better Food Access**
  - Expands children’s and ECE educators’ access to nutrient-rich local foods
- **Local Economic Support**
  - Supports the local economy and food system, including local food producers
- **Enhanced Learning**
  - Provides young children with an opportunity for social, emotional, and experiential learning
- **Family Engagement**
  - Increases family engagement with ECE and the local food system
- **Sustainable and Just**
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