WHY FARM TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION?

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan was a CABBAGE recipient working on Farm to ECE in Southeast Michigan. The Farm to Early Care and Education Capacity Building Grant (CABBAGE) was administered by the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists and funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from January 2021 to July 2023. Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) is an innovative evidence-based approach that gives young children increased exposure and access to local produce, opportunities to learn about nutrition and agriculture, and hands-on learning through gardening.

ECEs refer to preschools, child care centers, family child care homes, Head Start, and more.

Click here for a full list of Farm to Early Care and Education benefits.

ASPHN’S FARM TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (ECE) CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT (CABBAGE)

Sowing the Seeds for Healthy Futures in MICHIGAN!

According to the CDC, 1 IN 2 CHILDREN ages 1-5 do not eat a daily vegetable and 1 IN 3 CHILDREN ages 1-5 do not eat a daily fruit.

Farm to ECE INCREASES children’s consumption of fruits and vegetables by ONE DAILY SERVING.

Farm to ECE programs can INCREASE THE SUCCESS of Farm to School programs by DECREASING PLATE WASTE by as much as 66%.

03/2023

Nourish the minds and bodies of children and families by supporting Farm to ECE!

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NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN HAS IMPACTED:

71 children
6 ECEs
6 ECE educators
2 local farms

Integrative Strategies

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