

North Carolina Farm to Early Care & Education Implementation Grant - Mentor Application – Sample -- released January 11, 2021

The North Carolina Farm to Preschool Network has been awarded funding from the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN). With this funding, the Network plans to award 40 Farm to ECE Implementation Grants (FIG) to North Carolina childcare centers and childcare homes who are interested in enhancing their daily routines with Farm to Preschool programming.

Also, with this funding the Network plans to award up to 40 mentor grants to pair mentors with the 40 center and home grant winners. Mentor organizations can be from traditional TA organizations like Smart Start, CCHC's, etc. and can also include child care centers and homes that have been doing Farm to Preschool programming and are ready to serve in a mentor role for others.

Each mentor will receive \$250 for each center/home they are able to mentor (up to 5 centers / homes).

The deadline to complete and return this application is January 31st, 2021.

Priority for mentor grant recipient selection will be based on the following:

- Demonstrated capacity in Farm to Preschool (either in assisting centers and homes in doing this programming or as a center/home doing this programming at your site and being ready to share what you have learned with others)
- Able to mentor to homes or centers in your county or a larger geographical area
- Adaptability to provide mentorship/technical assistance suitable for the site(s) and in accordance with current COVID-19 practices at the time services are delivered. For example, this may include phone calls, going to the site, etc.
- Knowledge/experience in ECE (e.g., licensing rules, CACFP, etc)
- Organizations serving and / or led by Black, Indigenous, People of Color Communities

What is required of FIG Mentors / Organizations?

Mentors will be expected to:

- Meet (virtually or in person with their assigned centers/homes) as agreed upon with their mentee sites
- Attend 1 virtual training sessions on Farm to ECE
- Attend 1 virtual training session on Racial Equity
- Complete a brief online reflection about the activities you supported at the center / home.
- Submit an evaluation survey about your experience with your center / home.
- Submit electronic pictures of the activities.
- Write a Letter of Agreement with your assigned center / home
- Complete and document at least 1 Farm to ECE Change at the center / home you mentor by May 1, 2021
- Complete your activities by October 15, 2021.

If you have questions about your eligibility to apply for funding, please email us at dtimson@asapconnections.org before submitting your application.

Notifications of winning applications will be made mid-February 2021.

*** Denotes required questions**

Tell us about yourself!

Your Name:*

Organization: *

Job Title in Organization:*

What is your role within the organization? (Tell us what you do!)*

Phone (XXX-XXX-XXXX):*

Email:*

Organization Address:*

County:*

Organization Supervisor:

Supervisor Email:

Do you have a Preschool Center(s) or Home(s) in mind you would like to mentor? (Please list.)*

Mentorship History

Tell us a little more about your experience with Farm to School or Farm to Preschool.

What resources are you familiar with? (Check all that apply.)*

- Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Program: Growing Minds
- Center for Environmental Farming Systems: Farm to ECE Collaborative
- Center for Environmental Farming Systems: Farm to School
- Cooperative Extension
- Farm to School Coalition of North Carolina
- FoodCorps
- North Carolina Farm to Preschool Network
- Local Farms and Farmers
- Rainbow in My Tummy Curriculum
- UNC's GoNAPSACC
- USDA Grow it, Try it, Like It
- Other...

What are the ages of students you have worked with in the past? (Check all that apply.)*

- Infant: 0 - 12 months
- Toddler: 1 year - 3 years

Preschool: 3 years - 5 years
Elementary School Aged
Middle School Aged
High School Aged
Have not worked with children - but have worked with teachers / support staff at schools
Have not worked with children or centers that support children
Other...

What are the demographics of the Staff and Faculty of your Organization? (check all that apply)*

Asian
Black or African American
Caucasian
Latino or Hispanic
Indigenous or Native American
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Unsure
Other...

What are the demographics of Communities your Organization has worked with before? (check all that apply)*

Asian
Black or African American
Caucasian
Latino or Hispanic
Indigenous or Native American
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Other...

What other diverse communities have you worked with? (Check all that apply) *

English as a Second Language Learners
Immigrants and First Generation Families
Refugee Families
Low Income Communities
Food Insecure Communities
Rural Communities
Urban Communities
N/A
Other...

What Farm to Preschool or Farm to School programming have you participated in? (Check all that apply.)*

School Garden
Classroom Garden
Farm Field Trip
Farmer Visit to Center
Local Food Taste Test
Cooking Demonstrations with Local Food
Local Sourcing for Meals / Snacks

Farm to Preschool Policies

None

Other...

How much time can you commit to mentorship?*

1 - 3 hours a week

5 - 10 hours a week

10 hours a month

20+ hours a month

It depends

I'm not sure

As much as the center needs

Other...

In what ways can you provide mentorship during COVID-19? (Check all that apply.)*

Phone Calls

Virtual Meetings (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meets, etc)

In Person if Outside

In Person Inside if following CDC Guidelines (Masks, 6 ft Apart)

As the Center / Home needs

I'm not sure

I am prepared to be flexible

Other...

Can you and your organization mentor more than one center?*

No - I can only mentor 1 center

Yes - I can mentor 2 - 3 centers

Yes - I can mentor 4 -5 centers

I'm not sure yet

Other...

If you have worked with a centers / homes can you tell us a bit more about your roles and responsibilities?

Please describe what support you offer as a Farm to Preschool Mentor.*

Anything else you would like to share?

Would you like to receive the NC Farm to Preschool Network Newsletter?

Yes

No

I already get it! Thanks!

End of Application