

## **North Carolina Farm to Early Care & Education (ECE) Implementation Grant Application - Center / Home Application - Sample -- released January 11, 2021**

The North Carolina Farm to Preschool Network (NCF2PN) has been awarded funding from the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN). With this funding, the Network is able to award 40 Farm to ECE Implementation Grants (FIG) to North Carolina childcare centers and family childcare homes who are interested in starting or enhancing their daily routines with Farm to Preschool programming.

### **Priority for center/home recipient selection will be based on the following:**

- Participate in the CACFP
- Serve Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities
- Currently hold 1- 4 Star Ratings
- Have interest in Farm to Preschool programming
- Have not received Farm to ECE Collaborative, Growing Minds, or Shape NC funding in the past two years
- Complete the NC Farm to Preschool Survey 2021 -- see link here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBM5QMK>

\* Family childcare homes are encouraged to apply and will receive all the tools and mentorship, however, will be awarded a smaller grant amount.

If you don't meet some of the priority requirements for receiving a FIG Grant as a center/home, you may qualify to receive a "mentor site" grant.

Learn more about becoming a Mentor and apply here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrMC5MB89ETwIjCd3xsO108eKtbM-ge8LBIPoPDpUbl6sGBw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrMC5MB89ETwIjCd3xsO108eKtbM-ge8LBIPoPDpUbl6sGBw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**The deadline to complete this application and the NC Farm to Preschool Survey 2021 is January 31st 2021.**

### **Benefits of receiving a FIG:**

- \$500 Grant for Centers and \$250 Grant for Homes
- An ASAP Growing Minds Farm to Preschool Toolkit
- A Food Literacy Box with Farm to Preschool books and activities to increase food literacy and share more Racially and Ethnically inclusive stories around Food
- Matched with a Mentor to help coach you in Farm to ECE
- Meet (virtually or in person with assigned mentor) as needed
- Attending virtual training sessions on Farm to ECE
- Attending a virtual training session on Racial Equity
- Joining a Monthly Newsletter
- Recognition of your Farm to ECE Success across NC

### **After you are awarded FIG Funding you are required to:**

- Write a Letter of Agreement with your assigned mentor
- Share copies with the NC Farm to Preschool Network of any mentions of this grant in any publications or announcements that you initiate. We will provide a document with talking points for any

publications or announcements that you do around your farm to preschool activity and receiving the grant

- Attend your choice of trainings
- Complete and document at least 1 Farm to ECE Change at your center / home by May 1, 2021
- Complete a brief online reflection about the activities that you used the grant funds for
- Submit an evaluation survey about your experience with your mentor organization.
- Submit electronic pictures of the activities
- Submit photo permission slips (provided by NC F2P Network) for all students in the pictures you submit
- 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](mailto:dtimson@asapconnections.org) before submitting your application.

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

**Please Note - If you own or manage more than one Center/Home, please complete this application for each site (or send it on to staff at that site to complete).**

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**\* Denotes required questions**

Email address\*

Your Name:\*

Phone: (XXX)-XXX-XXXX\*

Center / Home Name:\*

Center / Home Full Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code):\*

County:\*

Center / Home Director Name\*

Center / Home Director Email\*

What is your role with the Center / Home?\*

If you are not Center / Home personnel, who at the center / home has approved applying for this funding (please provide their name and title)?\*

Has the Center / Home received Farm to ECE Collaborative, Growing Minds, or Shape NC funding in the past TWO years?\*

Yes

No

Not Sure

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### Center/Home Details

#### Tell us a little more about your center/home!

Please check the type of your licensed Center / Home (Choose all that apply to this Center / Home)\*

- Childcare Center
- Family Childcare Home
- Tribal or Government Funded Center
- Early Head Start Center
- Head Start Center
- Other...

What is the licensed capacity of your Center / Home?\*

What is your Center / Home's Star Rating?\*

- One Star
- Two Star
- Three Star
- Four Star
- Five Star
- Not Sure
- Not Ranked
- Other...

If awarded this funding, how many children will likely participate in Farm to Preschool programming in Spring through Fall 2021?\*

What are the ages of children who would participate in Farm to Preschool? (check all that apply)\*

- Infant: 0 - 12 months
- Toddler: 1 year - 3 years
- Preschool: 3 years - 5 years
- Other...

By Ethnicity, how many children ARE HISPANIC / LATINO? (# of Children - reference your CACFP Ethnic and Racial Data Form.) \*

By Ethnicity, how many children are NON HISPANIC / LATINO? (# of Children - reference your CACFP Ethnic and Racial Data Form.) \*

By Race, how many children are AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE? (# of Children - reference your CACFP Ethnic and Racial Data Form.) \*

By Race, how many children are ASIAN? (# of Children - reference your CACFP Ethnic and Racial Data Form.) \*

By Race, how many children are BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN? (# of Children - reference your CACFP Ethnic and Racial Data Form.) \*

By Race, how many children are NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER? (# of Children - reference your CACFP Ethnic and Racial Data Form.) \*

By Race, how many children are WHITE? (# of children - reference your CACFP Ethnic and Racial Data Form.) \*

How else is your center/home diverse? (Check all that apply, if OTHER please explain.) \*

- English as a Second Language Learners
- Immigrants and First-Generation Families
- Refugee Families
- Teachers and Staff are Black, Indigenous, and / or People of Color
- N/A
- Other...

Are your Teachers and Staff Racially or Ethnically Diverse?\*

- Yes
- No

What setting below best describes the community where your Center / Home is located?\*

- Urban (>50,000 people)
- Suburban/urban cluster (2,500 – 50,000 people)
- Rural
- Tribal
- Other...

Does your center / home participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) / the Food Program?\*

- Yes
- No
- Currently Applying
- Other...

Please estimate the PERCENTAGE of enrolled children at your home / center who are eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Meals. (Number is a %)\*

How are the meals/snacks at your site prepared? \*

- Self Prep/on-site kitchen
- Catered
- Other...

What Farm to Preschool programming do you currently implement (or have you done pre-COVID)? (Check all that apply, if OTHER please explain.)\*

- None, but looking forward to getting started
- Center/Home Garden
- Farm Field Trip
- Farmer Visit to Center/Home
- Local Food Taste Test
- Cooking Demonstrations with Local Food

Local Sourcing for Meals / Snacks  
Farm to Preschool Policies  
Work Site Wellness  
Other...

What Farm to Preschool programming would you implement, if the funding was awarded? (Please check all that apply, if OTHER please explain.)\*

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  
Work Site Wellness  
Other...

Describe how you hope Farm to Preschool/ECE will enhance your Center / Home. (For example: develop healthy eating habits, enhance science based learning...)\*

Please describe what support you would like from a Farm to Preschool Mentor.\*

In what ways can you receive 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...

Anything else you would like to share about why your site should receive this funding?

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

Yes  
No  
I already get it! Thanks!

End of FIG Center/Home Application