

TRAINING FOR STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES: Fundamentals of Farm to School & Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



ABOUT FUNDAMENTALS

Fundamentals was created in response to feedback from state agency employees expressing a need for foundational training in farm to school and early care and education (ECE) as part of their onboarding. Many farm to school and ECE professionals enter their roles without prior background in farm to school and food systems and there is currently no standardized method for acquiring knowledge of farm to school and ECE concepts. To address this gap, the National Farm to School Network, in collaboration with USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Community Food Systems Division (CFSD), developed the Fundamentals of Farm to School/Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Training and Handbook. This initiative aims to support the onboarding of new employees in state agencies and other statewide organizations and to provide a refresher course for those already familiar with farm to school or CACFP practices, facilitating and expanding knowledge in this critical area.

TOPICS COVERED IN FUNDAMENTALS

- Basics of farm to school/CACFP
- Who are the different contributors in Farm to School/CACFP?
- Equity - Who's in Your Community?
- Your role

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Participants who are or will be working on farm to school or farm to CACFP under a state agency, federal government, or Extension. Other institutional employees or those who work at different scales (e.g. locally or regionally) are also welcome to apply.

COST

Participation cost is waived for this first cohort of Fundamentals

Important dates & time commitment:

- **Deadline to apply:** November 22, 2024
- **Notification of acceptance:** December 13, 2024
- **First session:** January 21, 2025
- **Last session:** May 20, 2025
- **Time commitment:** Five monthly, two-hour sessions ([See full schedule](#))

Meetings will be held virtually on Zoom. For any questions, please contact David at david@farmtoschool.org



SEE FULL DETAILS AND APPLY HERE

