**Gardening Learning Collaborative - Editable**

**Learning Session 5: Maintaining Your ECE Program’s Garden Agenda**

The agenda below is based on the “Sections” included in Learning Session 5: Maintaining Your ECE Program’s Garden. The purpose of this Learning Session is to provide important information about ways to maintain an ECE program garden. This session offers guidance on necessary tasks that need to be completed to nurture a garden and to keep it safe from pests.

Objectives for this Learning Session are to:

* Reflect on progress to work through the Action Period tasks.
* Explore ways to maintain your program’s garden.
* Discuss the importance of pollinators.

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| **Training Component/Content** | **Estimated Time (60 minutes)** |
| Welcome and Introductions* Agenda
* Group Norms
* Icebreaker
* Learning Objectives
 | ~5 minutes |
| Action Period Check In* Action Period 2 Task Review
* TA Group Discussion (split into small groups when possible)
 | 12 minutes |
| Maintaining Your ECE Program’s Garden* Watering
* Fertilizer
* Pest and Insect Control
* Companion Planting
* Keeping Animals Out of the Garden
 | 15 minutes |
| Physical Activity Break | 5 minutes |
| Pollinators* Why are pollinators so important?
* How Pollination Works video
* Common pollinators
* Discussion Prompt: How would you share about pollinators with the children in your program? What are some activities you can do?
 | 12 minutes |
| Reflection: What other challenges are you facing with your garden right now? What additional information would you like to learn about? | 5 minutes |
| Action Period Reminders* Storyboards
 | 3 minutes |
| Resources and Next Steps* Resources
* Next Steps
* Key Dates
* Questions
* Coach Information
 | 3 minutes |