**Gardening Learning Collaborative**

**Learning Session 1: Introduction to Gardening Agenda**

The agenda below is based on the “Sections” included in Learning Session 1: Introduction to Gardening. If you are offering the optional Farm to ECE Learning Collaborative Orientation, you can omit the slides in the “Learning Collaborative Orientation” Section of the Learning Session 1 PowerPoint. If you are not offering the Farm to ECE Learning Collaborative Orientation session, it will be helpful to use the “Learning Collaborative Orientation” Section to remind participants about the framework and expectations of the Gardening Learning Collaborative.

Objectives for this Learning Session are to:

* Review expectations of the Learning Collaborative
* Introduce participants to gardening

**Before beginning Learning Session 1:** Participating ECE Program staff should complete the Farm to ECE self-assessment chosen for this learning collaborative.

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| **Training Component/Content** | **Estimated Time (60 minutes)** |
| Welcome and Introductions   * Agenda * Introductions * Group Norms (If you have already established Group Norms, paste those into the chat as a reminder for participants.) * Learning Objectives | 5 minutes |
| Learning Collaborative Orientation (Omit Section if you offered the Farm to ECE Learning Collaborative Orientation)   * Leadership Team Model * Gardening Learning Collaborative Structure * Learning Collaborative Core Components | 15 minutes |
| Introduction to Gardening   * Three Focus Areas of Farm to ECE * Gardening in ECE Programs * Discussion Prompt: What are some ways that you have introduced gardening concepts to the children in your ECE program or classroom? | 20 minutes |
| Equity and Farm to ECE   * What is the difference between equity and equality? * Gardening and Equity * What does equity look like in child care? * Discussion Prompt: What does equity mean to you? | 15 minutes |
| Resources and Next Steps   * Resources * Next Steps * Key Dates * Questions * Coach Information | 5 minutes |