**Food and Farming Education Learning Collaborative**

**Learning Session 4: Farming and Agriculture Education Agenda**

The agenda below is based on the “Sections” included in Learning Session 4: Farming and Agriculture Education. The purpose of this Learning Session is to discuss why farming and agriculture education is important and to share activities and ideas that can be used to introduce children to farming and agriculture topics.

Objectives for this Learning Session are to:

* Discuss what farming and agriculture education is and the importance of teaching these concepts in ECE programs.
* Explore ideas for farming and agriculture education activities with children.
* Review Action Period 2 Objectives.

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| **Training Component/Content** | **Estimated Time (60 minutes)** |
| Welcome and Introductions* Agenda
* Group Norms
* Learning Objectives
* Icebreaker
 | ~5 minutes |
| What is Farming and Agriculture Education?* Why is Farming and Agriculture Education Important?
* Where does our Food come from?
* Why support local farms and agriculture?
 | 15 minutes |
| Physical Activity Break | 3 minutes |
| Farming and Agriculture Education in ECE Programs* Agriculture Education Activities for Infants and Toddlers
* Agriculture Education Activities for Preschoolers
* Books with Farming Topics
* Connecting with Farms
* Celebrate Farming and Agriculture Events
* Discussion Prompt: What’s one way your program will celebrate farming and agriculture education?
 | 25 minutes |
| Action Period 2 Reminders* Food and Farming Education Learning Collaborative Key Learnings
 | 5 minutes |
| Final Reflection: What ideas were shared today that you want to try at your program? | 5 minutes |
| Resources and Next Steps* Resources
* Next Steps
* Action Period Tasks
* Key Dates
* Questions
* Coach Information
 | 2 minutes |