**Food and Farming Education Learning Collaborative**

**Learning Session 5: Family Engagement Agenda**

The agenda below is based on the “Sections” included in Learning Session 5: Family Engagement. The purpose of this Learning Session is to make the case for why family engagement in Farm to ECE activities is important and to explore many ideas and activities to engage families in Farm to ECE.

Objectives for this Learning Session are to:

* Check-in on Action Period 2 progress.
* Discuss reasons why partnering with families and caregivers is important for the children in your program/classroom.
* Explore ideas and approaches for engaging families in Farm to ECE activities.

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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) | 10 minutes |
| Partnering with Families   * Why is Family Engagement important? * Spectrum of Family Engagement * Family Engagement Recommended Practices | 15 minutes |
| Physical Activity Break | 5 minutes |
| Family Engagement Ideas   * Establish Family Engagement Goals * Meeting Families Where They Are * Communicating with Families * Incorporating Cultures and Traditions * Family Engagement During National Farm to School Month * More Ideas for Families | 15 minutes |
| Reflection: How will your program engage families in Farm to ECE activities? | 5 minutes |
| Action Period Reminders   * Storyboards | 3 minutes |
| Resources and Next Steps   * Resources * Next Steps * Key Dates * Questions * Coach Information | 2 minutes |