**Gardening Learning Collaborative**

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| **Timeline and Objectives** | |
| **Orientation Session \*optional** | **Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) Learning Collaborative Orientation &**  **Farm to ECE self-assessment Orientation** |
| **Program Assessments** | **ECE Program Objective:**   * If this is the ECE Program’s first Farm to ECE Learning Collaborative, they should complete the Farm to ECE self-assessment chosen for this learning collaborative. |
| **Learning Session 1** | **Introduction to Gardening** |
| **Learning Session 2** | **Benefits of Gardening with Young Children** |
| **Action Period 1** | **Coach Objectives**   * Review Participation Agreement with participants. * Review self-assessment results. * Support programs to develop two Farm to ECE action plans related to Gardening. |
| **ECE Program Objectives**   * First TA session. * Inform teachers, staff, and families about ECE program’s participation in the Learning Collaborative. * Review self-assessment results. * Work with teachers and staff to create 2 action plans related to Gardening. * Decide how program will keep track of progress and how successes will be documented for Storyboards. |
| **Learning Session 3** | **Gardening in ECE Programs** |
| **Learning Session 4** | **Getting Started with Gardening** |
| **Action Period 2** | **Coach Objectives**   * Provide technical assistance. * Check-in on strategies for completion of action plans. * If programs have completed their first two action plans, collaborate on the creation of 2 additional action plans. |
| **ECE Program Objectives**   * Work to reach goals with the help of resources. * If programs have completed the first two action plans, they should collaborate on the creation of 2 additional action plans. * Keep tracking program’s progress and prepare program’s Storyboard. Share your Storyboard with your Coach before the “Celebrating Success” Learning Sessions. |
| **Learning Session 5** | **Maintaining Your ECE Program’s Garden** |
| **Learning Session 6** | **Celebrating Success and Sustaining Your Garden** |
| **Action Period 3** | **Coach Objectives**   * Provide technical assistance. * Check-in on strategies for implementation of action plans. * Brainstorm support needed for final implementation of action plans and discuss remaining tasks. |
| **ECE Program Objectives:**   * Work to complete action plans with the help of resources. * Share Storyboard with families and staff. * Celebrate all successes and thank those who helped! |
| **Program Assessment: One month after Gardening Learning Collaborative ends** | **ECE Program Objectives:**   * Complete second Farm to ECE self-assessment. |
| **Final Evaluation** | Coaches should request for participants to complete a final evaluation to gain feedback on what went well and where improvements can be made. This can be a paper evaluation or an electronic evaluation. |