**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.
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| **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.
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| **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.
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| **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.
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| **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.
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| **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.
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| **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!
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| **Program Assessment: One month after Gardening Learning Collaborative ends** | **ECE Program Objectives:** * Complete second Farm to ECE self-assessment.
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| **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.  |