



# FARM TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE



## GOALS INCLUDE:

- Increase access to healthy, local food for children and families.
- Create a culture of health and wellness that extends beyond children to families, child care staff, and the wider community.
- Connect local farmers, especially farmers of color and female farmers, with child care sites.
- Examine and address the root causes of food and education systems inequities that lead to children's health disparities, which are disproportionately high in communities of color.



## PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES AND COUNTIES:

Chatham, Durham, Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians - Qualla Boundary, Guilford, Lee, Orange, Martin + Pitt, Robeson, Rowan, Union, Vance, Franklin, Warren, Wake, Wayne, Wilkes.



All local teams include child care directors, child care staff, Technical Assistance Specialists, Cooperative Extension agents, and farmers.

Some teams this year include farmer's market managers, Local Food Policy Council Members, farm to table groups, a grandfather of a child in care who owns a farm, a food bank, and food hubs.

## FIVE FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING SESSIONS:

## A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Kick-off Meeting,	Jan. 28, Winston-Salem
Racial Equity Trainings	Feb. 25 (Goldsboro) and Feb. 27 (Mills River)
Learning Session 1	March 24, Raleigh
Learning Session 2	May 12, Lumberton
Learning Session 3	Sept. 30, Statesville

Over 30 child care sites, including **15 Head Start centers** are participating in order to connect children to fresh, healthy, local food in the classroom, in the garden, and at meal and snack time.

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