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Wisconsin Farm to School



January 24th, 2017 | Happy New Year!

In today's Wisconsin Farm to School newsletter, you will find:

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General Information and Resources

- [New UWEX Resource: Safety in the Little Gardeners Garden](#)



Here's a great [new resource](#) for WI Farm to ECE, and those growing gardens with little learners!

There are many things to consider when starting a garden, especially one that small children will use. This publication focuses on how to build and use a garden space that meets and exceeds the safety requirements and licensing rules for child care programs in Wisconsin. Safety in the Little Gardeners' Garden is part of [People+Plants: How to Grow a Community Garden](#), a multimedia series on how to build, maintain, and make the most of community gardens. [Find the resource here.](#)

- [Two New "Sea to School" Resources Available](#)

SEA TO SCHOOL A GUIDE FOR SCHOOL CAFETERIAS & CLASSROOMS



Massachusetts Farm to School, Maine Farm to School Network, and New Hampshire Farm to School have released two new resources, a [Sea to School Guide](#) and "[Sea to School: A Lunch Voyage](#)" video, to help expand the use of local seafood in school meals and seafood/marine education. This project was made possible with a 2016 Innovation Award from the National Farm to School Network funded by Farm Credit and the Newman's Own Foundation. [Explore the new resources here.](#)

Webinars, Trainings, and Conferences

- Webinar: Farm to Institution Training for Food Service Consultants (Tuesday, January 31st, 1:00 - 2:00pm EST)



Farm to Institution New England is working to build a resource for food service consultants in this growing field.

In this webinar, FINE will share its comprehensive toolkit for increasing local food procurement by institutional food services, showcasing how it pertains to the request for proposal (RFP) process for food service management companies. The webinar will include a live case study sharing how the University of Vermont navigated a cutting edge RFP process by working with a consultant and engaging the campus community.

January 31, 1-2pm EST. [Register here.](#)

- Webinar: Scratch Cooking Webinar by Illinois Farm to School (Tuesday, January 31, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST)



When making changes to your school meal program you need support from key stakeholders. Learn how to earn the support of your school community throughout your project!

Illinois Farm to School Webinar: Solving the Scratch Cooking Puzzle
Tue, Jan 31, 2017 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST.

To join the meeting online, view presentations, and more, click:

[Join the Meeting Here!](#)

Funding Opportunities

- Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation Accepting Applications for Toolbox for Education Grants



The Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation has announced the opening of its Spring 2017 Toolbox for Education, which supports projects that encourage parent involvement in local schools and build stronger community spirit.

One-year grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to projects with the potential to have a permanent impact on a school community, such as facility enhancement (indoor or outdoor) or landscaping/clean-up projects. In addition, Toolbox grants can be used as part of a large-scale project like a playground, as long as the grant will be used to complete a phase of the project that can be completed within twelve months of the award. Learn more and apply here. Application deadline is Feb. 9, 2017. [Learn more here.](#)

- USDA Announces \$27 Million in Grants Available to Support the Local Food Sector



On January 11, the USDA announced requests for applications for the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP), the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP), and the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP), which offer \$27 million in grants to fund innovative projects designed to strengthen market opportunities for local and regional food producers and businesses.

These grants can be used to support farm to school activities. For example, in 2014 Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation received a LFPP grant to expand a pilot Farm to Early Care Project in Central Brooklyn by increasing access to farm fresh, healthy food for 1,500 children while generating increased revenue for participating farmers. [Learn more here.](#)

Job Opportunities

- REAP Food Group Hiring Full-Time Farm to School Education Coordinator



REAP Food Group is seeking a Farm to School Education Coordinator. This is a full time position with benefits. Please see [position description and application instructions here](#). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until a suitable candidate is identified.

We are seeking a Farm to School Education Coordinator who is passionate about local, sustainable food and inspiring children to eat healthy and know where their food comes from. The Coordinator will manage the Farm to School educational curriculum and programs, deliver direct education in classrooms, and provide management and training to REAP Farm to School educators. All REAP programs engage diverse students and REAP is committed to equity and promoting excellence through inclusion. REAP values diverse life experience in its staff and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Those who are multilingual or multicultural, members of racial/ethnic minority groups, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

- 2017 Internships at Community GroundWorks!



What does your future hold? Community GroundWorks is excited to offer a variety of internships during the 2017 growing season!

Internships are available in organic agriculture and environmental education. We offer both paid and volunteer internships at Troy Gardens and at our other sites in Madison. [Learn about our organic vegetable farm, kids' garden and youth farm positions and find application instructions here.](#) Application Deadline: February 15, 2017

- National Farm to School Network Hiring Policy Director (Washington DC)



The National Farm to School Network seeks a Policy Director to joins its team.

The Policy Director is responsible for leading NFSN's policy advocacy work. NFSN serves as a national voice for the farm to school movement and a leading resource on national, state and local policies that impact farm to school and farm to ECE. Read the full position description [here](#). Application Deadline: January 27, 2017.



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