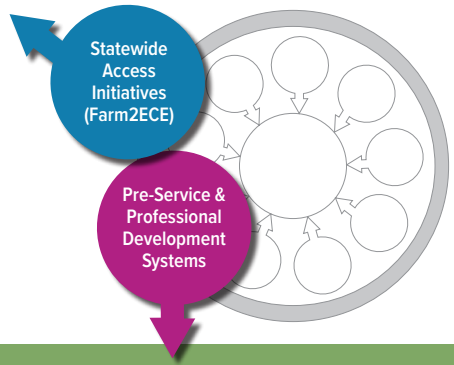


Farm to Keiki 101: Asynchronous Online Training



Purpose

The purpose of this project is to provide statewide access to a standardized Hawai'i based Farm to ECE 101 training. Currently, Farm to ECE training access is dictated by available funding, limited availability amongst a small pool of qualified trainers, and capacity of ECE providers. This training seeks to overcome those barriers through providing a self-paced, asynchronous online training option so that any provider can obtain a strong foundation in Farm to ECE in Hawai'i. Accompanying the asynchronous training is a:

- Trainer handbook to provide guidance to any trainer or technical assistance specialist supporting a provider through the online training; and
- Farm to Keiki workbook to guide participants through the training and encourage them to record their thoughts and identify elements to incorporate into their program

Goals

- Create a standardized Hawai'i Farm to ECE 101 training
- Increase access to Farm to ECE training for ECE providers

Desired Impacts

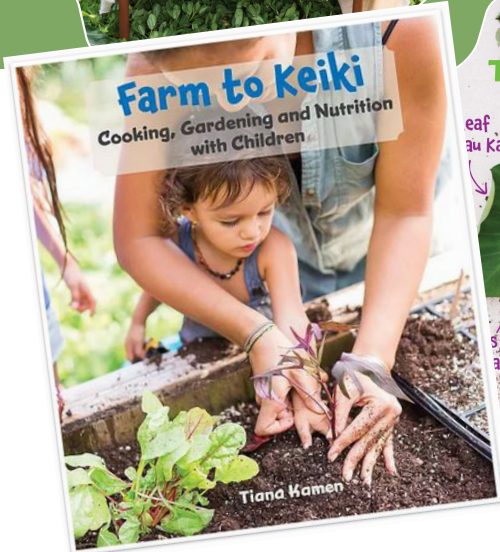
- ECE providers have a free way to receive Farm to ECE training while also earning three hours of DHS professional development certificate.
- Expand the capacity of early childhood educators to implement Farm to ECE and the Farm to Keiki curriculum in their childcare settings.
- Children in childcare settings of trained teachers will participate in health promoting activities such as eating locally grown whole foods, growing gardens and learning agriculture and nutrition education.

Key Activities / Timeline

- **May 2022 - October 2022:** Create a Farm to ECE introductory resource as a component of the *Basic Health and Safety Practices: Child Care Provider's Guide* for licensed, registered, and license-exempt providers.
 - » Objective canceled. Unfortunately it was not feasible to include a section on Farm to ECE in the Health and Safety Guidelines at this time.
- **July 2022 - June 2023:** Develop, produce, manage, and edit a Farm to Keiki asynchronous online training
- **November 2023 - June 2023:** Create a digital Farm to Keiki Train the Trainer Handbook based on the Farm to Keiki Online Video Training Series
- **January 2023 - June 2023:** Create a Farm to Keiki workbook to be used by training participants with the Farm to Keiki Online Video Training Series.

Project Highlights

In an effort to embed farm to ECE into the ECE system, one of the the original project objectives was to work with ECE stakeholders to include a section on Farm to ECE in the Basic Health and Safety Practices: Child Care Provider's Guide for licensed, registered, and license-exempt providers. After learning that there was neither capacity it was disappointing at first to find out that we would not be allowed to include Farm to ECE into the guidelines. After continued discussion with Farm to ECE advocates, it was decided that the project funds could be pivoted to develop a participant workbook for the online Farm to Keiki training. Our initial setback allowed us to rethink our project goals and budget and I believe ultimately has created a more effective training. A key learning was that no matter how good the idea is, you can't force other entities into Farm to ECE. We need to respect our partners in the community as there may be barriers that we can't always see. Instead, get creative and focus your energy on making your own unique value proposition the best that you can.



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