

# Ohio F2S Meeting Notes

September 9, 2021

## In attendance:

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## Ohio and National Updates

- **National Farm to School Network [new partnership structure](#)**

NFSN is eliminating the cap on the number of partners. All organizations that pledge to equity commitments are welcome. All partner organizations in each place will be given equal recognition by NFSN for their roles in the NFSN network

- **Farm to School Spending Flexibility and Policy Paper**

Developing a policy paper to support creation of a sustainable full-time Farm to School position within a state agency, recognizing that Ohio is among a handful of states that does not have such a position. The policy paper will also outline the feasibility and potential benefit of a reimbursement incentive for purchasing local and a policy approach to improving access to local foods through the DOD Fresh program.

## **Farm to Early Care and Education coalition funding continuing for year two!**

- The coalition is working on Local food procurement pilots at early care sites, local food handling guides, and continuing to develop farm to early care and education coalition development

## **School garden conference is coming up on Oct 22.**

- Register [here](#).

## **Growing Teachers Throughout the Seasons update**

- Working on 4 year project to flip school year gardening calendar
- Continuing to work on modules over the next two years

## **Apple Crunch**

- Goal of 1 million crunches regionally
- Registration link: <https://go.wisc.edu/rjw2e3>
- Ohioapples.com

## **Knowledge Exchange Food Systems Map**

- KX is including Farm to School in an upcoming food system map
- Think this [Maryland Food System Map](#)
- Please fill out the [OH partnership form](#) to be listed as a partner

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## **Producer Training update**

- From input session in late August:
  - Need to continue discussions with local partners including Agriculture and Natural Resource Educators, local farms and food hubs.
  - Considering state level launch followed by regional trainings
  - Submitted OEFFA proposal

## **ODA/ODE statewide USDA Farm to School grant**

### **Regional Lead Updated Role and Benefits:**

- Facilitating regional breakout sessions during the OH F2S quarterly meetings and report out
- Bring back meeting notes, thoughts, and ideas to your regional F2S network
- Gather focused regional input
- \$1000.00 grant to cover expenses associated with regional network leadership and objectives

**Seeking Farm to School success stories! Please email [Haley Scott](#) if you are willing to share your school, early care site, or organization's story!**

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## Regional Farm to School Network lead roles and literature review by Elise August, OSU MPH Candidate



Clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of the regional leads.



Encourage the use of regional co-leads.



Establish biannual check-in opportunities between Regional Leads and OSU Extension.



Encourage smaller regional meetings to occur outside of quarterly state network meetings.



Create redundancy in communication, involving shared meeting notes, agendas, and multiple methods of accessing Farm to School information and resources.



Develop a menu of Farm to School levels of involvement for interested parties.

Note that Cuyahoga County Board of Health did a social network analysis for a project and it really demonstrated the engagement, knowledge, power, and trust of the group

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## Farm to School Regional Networks

- **Northwest** – ?
- **North Central** – ?
- **Northeast** – Alison Patrick
- **West Central** – Haley Carretta
- **Central** – Carol S./Haley P.
- **East Central** – Heather Neikirk
- **Southwest** – Anne S./ Michaela
- **Southeast** – Tom Redfern



## Updates from regional farm to school breakout rooms

- [Central Region Meeting Notes](#)
- [West Central Region Meeting Notes](#)
- [Southeast Region Meeting Notes](#)
- [Southwest Region Meeting Notes](#)
- [East Central Region Meeting Notes](#)
- [Northeast Region Meeting Notes](#)
- [Northwest Region Meeting Notes](#)
- North Central Region did not have breakout group but NW meeting notes include some North Central folks

# Grow Where You Are Planted

## Implementation Grant

501 c 3 focused on eradicating the food desert of the West End. Cincinnati 45203

### Contacts

Mary Beth Knight  
Nisha Mahler  
Mywhycincinnati.org

### Partners

Hayes Porter  
Freight Farm  
Cincinnati Rotary Club  
FC Cincinnati



- Increase availability and affordability of produce to West End families through monthly Farmer's markets (year-round) hosted at schools in the West End
- Create & sustainable West End Grown food source to supply schools and their families with produce daily
- Create an entrepreneurial opportunity for West End families to sell produce, creating revenue to reinvest in the West End Ag programs



## **Connecting Silos: Advancing Farm to School in Ohio's Largest School District through Shared Use of an Urban Farm**

- Saint Stephen's Community House Urban Farm and Linden McKinley Urban Ag Pathway will cooperatively develop a shared use model that leverages community-based agriculture assets to support a continuum of STEM-based Farm to School experiences and learning activities for children ECE/pre-K through grade 12 in the Linden community of Columbus
- Location: St. Stephen's Community House – Columbus, Ohio
- Contact: Marilyn J. Mehaffie (mmehaffie@saintstephensch.org)
- Type of grant: Implementation
- Expected challenges: Capacity (need volunteers to help on Urban Farm)

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## Slow Food Reynoldsburg Schools Urban Farm Initiative

- Our goal within the next few years while implementing our grant funds is to help establish consistent food production using sustainable practices. We will be installing running water with drip irrigation,, purchasing solar panels to operate a greenhouse climate control system, supporting local pollinators, and expanding our growing areas. We will also be hiring students as summer interns to help with growing our program while working throughout the community in the spring and summer months.
- Reynoldsburg High School Livingston Campus
- Trevor Horn
- 2021 - USDA Farm to School Implementation Grant
- Some expected challenges we face are sourcing support for solar panel installation. We want to install our drip irrigation system to be as efficient as possible. We are also always trying to build healthy soil as organically as possible. We also plan to find a partner to help teach us how to keep bees to increase pollination in our growing area.
- Battelle for Kids, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Slow Food Columbus, School Gardens of Ohio

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## Expanding Farm to School Programming in Greater Cincinnati

- Project addresses prioritized activities identified in the Greater Cincinnati Regional F2S Action Plan:
  - Increasing local procurement by expanding Feed Our Future program in our region
  - Enhance agricultural education by developing and coordinating schools' and partners' F2S educational programming and aligning all programs and messaging around the Feed Our Future program
- Greater Cincinnati (10 counties in OH, KY and IN)
- Implementation Grant
- Anne Schneider, F2S Coordinator
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Cincinnati Public Schools, UPC Buying Coop, Cincinnati Museum Center, Civic Garden Center, Gorman Heritage Farm, CPS Outside, F2S Impact Team



Greater Cincinnati Regional  
Food Policy Council

AN INITIATIVE OF  Green Umbrella

# Local Lessons for Growing Minds

- Local Lessons for Growing Minds (LLGM) is an agricultural education curriculum development and delivery project focused on connecting students in grades K-5 with their food. The multi-media curriculum modules will be anchored around FOF's core tenants and will include video components highlighting local producers, agricultural growing practices, and easy culinary applications.
- Cleveland, Ohio – State, regional + national?
- Steven Baker- COO, Spice Field Kitchen ([hello@spicefieldkitchen.org](mailto:hello@spicefieldkitchen.org))
- Turnkey Grant - Agricultural Education Curriculum Development and Delivery
- Expected challenges – Timing for farmer/community food system interviews, ensuring my paperwork and reports are on time and in the proper format...its my first USDA grant 😊
- USDA, Feed Our Future, Muse content group, Pisanick Partners, LLC

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food engagement



[spicefieldkitchen.org](http://spicefieldkitchen.org)

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## PAST Foundation: Growing Zanesville, An Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Center

- Collaboratively design, plan and implement an aquaculture farm (4 fresh and salt water tanks with educational enrichment related to agriculture, food health and nutrition, and entrepreneurship).
- Zanesville City Schools and Zanesville Community High School.
- Marcy Raymond, Strategy Officer at PAST: [mraymond@pastfoundation.org](mailto:mraymond@pastfoundation.org)
- Implementation grant
- Meeting the project timeline and getting all the pieces in place.
- Zanesville Community High School, Zanesville City Schools, The Ocean's Friend Aquaculture, and the Muskingum Valley Park District

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The Ocean's Friend  
**AQUACULTURE**



## Clermont Northeastern Schools

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- Clermont Northeastern Local Schools (CNE) will enhance agricultural education and improve farm to school connections through the installation of a greenhouse edible garden. CNE will lead a Farm to School Edible Garden Planning Team, in collaboration with community partners, to develop a comprehensive plan that will ensure the success and sustainability of the project.
- Project Location: Batavia, Ohio
- Name of contact person: TJ Glassmeyer, Principal
- Turnkey grant

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## Graham Local Schools

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- Graham Local Schools will partner with the local agricultural community, the Champaign County Local Foods Council, area culinary arts programs, Champaign County Family YMCA, Champaign County Chamber of Commerce and the current resources at each school in the district to provide education about local products, nutrition, production opportunities in the shared-use commercial kitchen and gardening skills. With these entities working together, school meals at GLS will be able to add more locally grown items to the school menu. The primary goal is to promote nutritional education and healthy choice making in the schools and communities for years to come
- Project Location: St. Paris, Ohio
- Implementation grant

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2021 -2022  
Meetings

**QUARTERLY: Second Thursday  
of the month 9:30-noon**

**December 9, 2021**

March 10, June 9, September 8,  
and December 8, 2022