

Ohio Farm to ECE Goals

By September 30, 2028, the Ohio Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) coalition will...

1. Establish a diverse coalition comprised of members who reflect the diversity and needs of the community. The coalition will strive to ensure that at least half of its membership possesses lived experiences related to the vision's priorities and attain proportional representation of racial groups.
2. Have an identified backbone organization facilitating the on-going work of the coalition to ensure sustainability.
3. Increase the total number of ECE providers and stakeholders completing the Ohio Farm to ECE training(s).
4. Increase the number of new or enhanced resources that advance farm to ECE activities, ensuring they are culturally tailored to meet the needs of diverse communities.
5. Increase the number of providers participating in Farm to ECE activities, including the utilization of new or enhanced resources developed by the coalition.
6. Develop written recommendations for proposed policies and Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) that advance Farm to ECE.
7. Implement a campaign plan to promote Ohio Farm to Early Care and Education, thereby increasing public awareness.
8. Establish a process for advancing Farm to ECE activities in ECE sites and draft a proposal outlining how to replicate these efforts statewide with a focus on rural and underrepresented communities.
9. Increase the number of ECE sites that serve local foods.
10. Increase knowledge of Farm to ECE amongst ECE providers and farmers, including those from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds and those located in economically disadvantaged areas as identified by specific zip codes.