

MI Farm to ECE Webinar Series:

Creating Culturally Relevant Farm to ECE Programs

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WHAT IS CULTURAL RELEVANCY?

- ➤ Environments that reflect the language and culture of children and families
- ➤ Creates environment of inclusion and supports children's social and emotional development
- >Step 1: Get to know your kids



FARM TO ECE AND CULTURAL RELEVANCY

- >Culture and food are linked
- ➤ Food can be used as a tool to celebrate cultural diversity
- Farm to ECE can be a means for accessing and teaching about culturally relevant foods





LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING AND CULTURAL RELEVANCY

- >Access foods that are culturally relevant to communities you work with
- ➤ Work with farmers to request particular products that may not otherwise be available to you
- ➤Prepare new foods in ways that are culturally relevant
- ➤ Purchase from farmers in your community or reflective of your community

FARM TO ECE IN ACTION

Colusa Indian Child Care



Community Action
Partnership of Ramsey and
Washington County



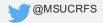
FARM TO ECE IN ACTION

Michigan Migrant and Seasonal Head Start



Baxter Child Development Center









- ➤ Understand the children in your program
- ➤ Take stock of participation
- **≻**Parent inclusion
- ➤ Grow culturally relevant foods



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CULTURALLY RELEVANT FARM TO ECE EDUCATION

Features books about food and agriculture that reflect your population

➤Taste tests with culturally relevant food

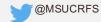


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Next Webinar: Wednesday May 31 1:00 pm Creating Farm to School Lesson Plans http://mifarmtoschool.msu.edu

