

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023





Georgia Farm to School Alliance & Farm to Early Care and Education Coalition

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COLLECTIVE IMPACT

The Georgia Farm to School (FTS) Alliance (Alliance) serves K-12 students and systems while the Georgia Farm to Early Care and Education (FTECE) Coalition (Coalition) focuses on children aged zero to five.

The Annual Impact Report summarizes member impact data and documents progress towards the strategic plan goals during the 2022-2023 school year.

Jointly, the Alliance and Coalition work to:

- Increase knowledge and understanding of FTECE and FTS practices among stakeholders through workshops, webinars, and publications.
- Support policy, systems, and environmental changes to institutionalize FTS and FTECE.
- Evaluate activities to determine the highest impact strategies that achieve FTS and FTECE visions.

Members agree that together we hold collective potential to advance equity statewide by supporting access to healthy, fresh and affordable foods and culturally responsive nutrition education for all children and families.

Members provided **83** presentations, workshops, and other FTS professional development opportunities.

Members funded **53+** positions and contributed **29,000** hours of work supporting FTS and FTECE programs.





69% have an equity statement



88% serve under-resourced schools



44% serve rural schools

*16 partner organizations provided data







Coalition members provided technical assistance, mini-grants, and/or professional development at over 130 sites and programs.

The number one way Coalition members facilitated, encouraged, and supported local procurement for FTECE programs was by partnering with local farmers.

Coalition member organizations are training practitioners on gardening, farm to school curriculum, and food systems awareness.



The **Georgia**Farm to Early Care & Education Coalition

is a network that joins stakeholders in early care, food, farming, and nutrition to coalesce resources, support farm to early care education (FTECE), and create a dialogue for building statewide programming.



"Being a member of the Georgia Farm to ECE Coalition supports us in expanding our reach and contributions to the growing farm to ECE movement. Farm to ECE programs increase student's exposure to fresh and nutritious locally sourced foods, which is aligned to our vision to ensure all children are nourished and active."

- HealthMPowers

The **Georgia** Farm to Early Care & **Education Coalition**

VISION & MISSION

All Georgia early learners and their families have equitable access to nourishing, local food

Our mission is to cultivate partnerships among early care environments, farmers, and community partners to increase local food access, strengthen nutrition education, and improve health equity for families

Member Organizations

A Kid's World Action Pact*

American Heart Association*

Baldwin County School District

Bemiss Academy

Black Child Development Institute - Atlanta

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Children's Museum of Atlanta

Common Market Southeast

ESP Head Start Inc.

FoodCorps Georgia

Flint River Fresh Inc.

GFFARS

Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children

Georgia Child Care Association

Georgia Department of Agriculture

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)*

Georgia Department of Education

Georgia Department of Human Services - SNAP-ED

Georgia Department of Public Health

Georgia Family Connection Partnership*

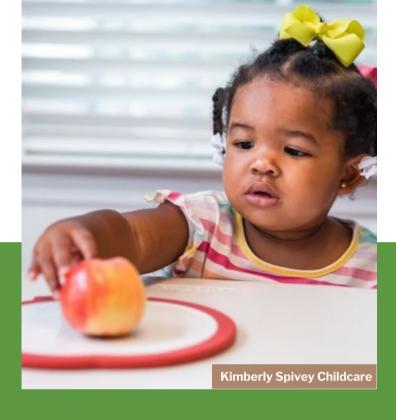
Georgia Foundation for Agriculture Georgia Head Start Collaboration Office

Georgia Health Policy Center*

Georgia Organics*

Georgia State University

Greenbriar Children's Center*



Hand Heart and Soul Project* HealthMPowers*

Lina Lane's Learning Center*

Little Ones Learning Center

Miss Dayana's Daycare

New Life Learning Center

Organwise Guys

Pre-K Preparatory Learning Academy*

Professional Family Childcare Association of Georgia

Quality Care for Children*

Rex Childcare and Early Learning Center

Sandy's Sandbox

Savannah Chatham County Public Schools

Sheltering Arms

Small Bites Adventure Club

Southern Crescent Technical College

Southwest Georgia Project Teach

O' Rea Preparatory Preschool

Tee Tee's Learning Center

The Learning Tree Academy

The Wylde Center

United Way of Greater Atlanta

University of Georgia

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension

USDA Food and Nutrition Services

Voices for Georgia's Children*







"The Georgia Farm to School Alliance is a great way to stay connected with the work being done in Farm to School around the state and in our region, build connections, and access resources."

-Wylde Center



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The **Georgia Farm to School Alliance**

is a network that joins statewide agencies working in food, farming, and nutrition to coalesce resources and support for farm to school (FTS), and to create a dialogue for building statewide programming.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS



\$11 millionpurchased from local farmers



1200

trained practitioners



35

awarded FTS grants



79%

increased understanding of farming, food systems, and nutrition

The **Georgia Farm to School Alliance**

VISION & MISSION

The Farm to School model will be seen as the best way to equitably connect cafeterias, classrooms, and communities to enhance the health and development of Georgia students.

Our mission is to engage Farm to School stakeholders by providing resources, professional development, and recognition programs to increase the awareness, access and consumption of locally grown food in school meals and beyond.



Member Organizations

Athens Land Trust

American Heart Association*

Captain Planet Foundation

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Columbus Botanical Gardens

Common Market Southeast*

Flint River Fresh Inc.

FoodCorps Georgia

Georgia Agricultural Education

Georgia Department of Education*

Georgia Department of Public Health

Georgia Family Connections Partnership

Georgia Farm Bureau

Georgia FCCLA

Georgia Health Policy Center*

Georgia Organics*

Georgia School Nutrition Association

HealthMPowers

Kaiser Permanente

Muscogee County Schools

Newton County School District

Royal Food Service

Savannah Chatham County Schools

Small Bite's Adventure Club

The Food Mill Columbus

The Wylde Center*

United Way of Atlanta

University of Georgia

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USDA Food and Nutrition Services Southeast

*Indicates member completed the 2022-2023
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