



FARM TO SCHOOL INSTITUTE

2024 - 2025

Would your school like to be a part of our next Institute Program?

Includes:

3 Day Summer Retreat

12 Months of Program Support

\$1,000 Implementation Grant

Accepting Applications January 2024

Contact (501) 251-3019 for more information.

WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE?

A unique year-long professional learning opportunity for selected schools to build relationships, skills, and a collaborative action plan for their school. With the support of a coach, teams spend the school year putting their plans into action and strengthening their capacity to impact classrooms, cafeterias, and communities, with change that lasts.

APPLICATION & COMMITMENT

Identify a team (3-5 members) consisting of:

- School nutrition directors or managers
- Classroom teachers
- Administrators
- School nurses
- Family, school board, or community members

Attend the 3-day summer retreat in Morrilton, Arkansas. All accommodations are covered.

Participate in planning meetings with your coach and engage in a role-specific affinity group during the school year.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

- **Farm to school action planning:** During the program, participants develop a values-based, school-wide farm to school action plan that integrates curriculum, local procurement, youth voice, and community connections.
- **Coaching:** Teams are paired with an experienced coach from Arkansas's farm to school or early childhood network. You'll have communication and meetings with this coach throughout the school year to assist you in implementing and adapting your action plan to meet the changing needs of your school.
- **Skill building:** Participants engage in workshops designed around school specific roles and meet with technical assistance providers to get support on their action plan.
- **Networking with peers:** Individuals and teams share innovations and challenges, join in dialogue, and share with others across the state throughout the Institute experience.
- **Whole-school teams:** Role diversity on the team facilitates action! Strong teams bring together members from across the spectrum of farm to school to create lasting change.

