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**INVITATION TO JOIN THE FIRST STATEWIDE CA FARM TO EARLY CARE
AND EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WEBINAR**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Branch, in partnership with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), invite CDSS staff to join the first statewide CA Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) Community of Practice webinar for CACFP operators serving children ages 0-5.

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

Where: Zoom

Registration Link: Click [here](#) to register!

Farm to ECE programs support the health and wellbeing of young children in ECE settings (e.g., child care centers, day care home providers) through exposure to local foods, integrating nutrition and agriculture-based education, and/or providing hands-on learning in an edible garden. Join the webinar to learn about the CDSS Farm to CACFP initiative and collaboration efforts within the Farm to ECE community.

The Farm to ECE Community of Practice webinar will include:

- **State Agency Resources Share-out:** the CDSS, CDPH, and CDFA will share state agency resources available to support your Farm to ECE program
- **Guest Presentations:** two inspiring Farm to ECE programs – one in Northern California and one in Southern California – will share how they connect young children with local foods and hands-on food education in their communities
- **Moderated Panel Discussion:** learn how two programs fund their Farm to ECE work, engage families and staff in Farm to ECE activities, and more!
- **Live Questions and Answers (Q&A):** share your own questions for the panelists during the live Q&A

Contact Information:

For questions, please contact the CDSS Farm to CACFP team by email at F2CACFP@dss.ca.gov.

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