



Wake County Smart Start (WCSS), along with our partners Advocates for Health in Action (AHA) and Wake County Cooperative Extensive, would like to announce that we are taking applications for the 2015 Farm to Child Care Project. Over the next three years we will be working with 75 child care programs, each year approximately 25 programs will receive training, onsite TA and a cost-share reimbursement.

Farm to Child Care FAQ

- **What types of programs can qualify for services?**

Child care centers and family child care homes that have a 4 or 5 star license, subsidized children enrolled, and commitment to serving locally grown fruits and vegetables.

- **What type of services will our program receive?**

- Support with choosing an option for purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables

- Quarterly trainings – cooking, budgeting/menu planning, activity planning and marketing

- Onsite TA - prepping/storing fresh fruits and vegetables, incorporating learning about fresh foods into daily lessons

- Cost-share reimbursements

- **How long will my program receive services?**

Programs will be notified by January 2, 2015. Services will begin mid-January and will be available for up to one year.

- **What are the expectations of my child care program?**

- Director and other staff attend quarterly trainings

- Increase amount of local fresh fruits and vegetables used in menu

- Cost-sharing reimbursement documentation submitted on a scheduled basis

- **What can I use the cost-share reimbursement payment on?**

Reimbursement can be used to offset staff time preparing food, cost of food, new equipment or other costs related to increasing the amount of fresh local fruits and vegetables being served.

If you have any additional questions feel free to contact Lynn Policastro, Farm to Child Care Program Coordinator, at lpolicastro@wakesmartstart.org or 919-851-9550

