



FARM FOOD AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Nourish Iowa VISTA

2023-2024 IMPACT REPORT

The goal of this project is to increase statewide network communication, partnership, and collaborative event planning. The Iowa Farm to School and Early Care Coalition seeks increased capacity and system development around several communication platforms, including social media, monthly newsletters, and storytelling.



Accomplishments

- Created content for FFED's monthly newsletter
- Worked with the Iowa Farm to School and Early Care Coalition to build capacity for the Network Development Strategy Team
- Coordinated event planning for the annual Iowa Farm to School and Early Care Conference



FFED Coalition Website

Check out the mission of the Iowa Farm to School and Early Care network



Partnerships & Collaborations

Iowa State Extension, Iowa State University, Iowa Master Gardeners, FoodCorps, Iowa Food Systems Coalition, DMARCC, Waukee schools, DHHS, Iowa Farm to School and Early Care Coalition, Eat Greater Iowa, Cornell University, and Turkey Farmers of Iowa.



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Stories from Service

This week has been a true description of being a VISTA member, I was able to help with facilitating a meeting for daycare providers to get certified to be able to qualify for grants to provide money to plant gardens, family activities, and local procurement grants. This program is going to help a large percentage of kids that are in daycares. I think moving forward more and more daycares in different counties are going to want to be involved in this program to serve more providers and children.”

Brandy Bryson, 2023-2024 VISTA

Member Spotlights



Brandy Bryson

Brandy completed her role as the Iowa Farm to School and Early Care VISTA during her service term of 2023-2024. She is working on a dual degree program to obtain her Bachelors and Masters in Public Administration.



About the Host Site

Farm Food and Enterprise Development located at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Ames works to support value-added agriculture enterprises, small farms, and regional food systems through research, education, and community engagement.



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