



Wallace Center
AT WINROCK INTERNATIONAL

June Farm to Food Assistance Community of Practice Call

June 13, 2024

Agenda

- Objectives
 - Connect and learn from one another and address your technical assistance needs
 - Learn about and the research that Wallace Center has done with the Farm to Food Assistance Learning Lab
- Presentations from Ree Ree Wei, Executive Director of Transplanting Traditions Community Farm in Chapel Hill, NC and Taylor Ryan, Executive Director of Change Today, Change Tomorrow based in Louisville, KY. Plus, we'll hear from all of the 10 F2FA Learning Lab teams!
- Breakouts facilitated by Learning Lab Team Members and a Full Group Discussion and Q&A
- Closing
 - Next call: July 11



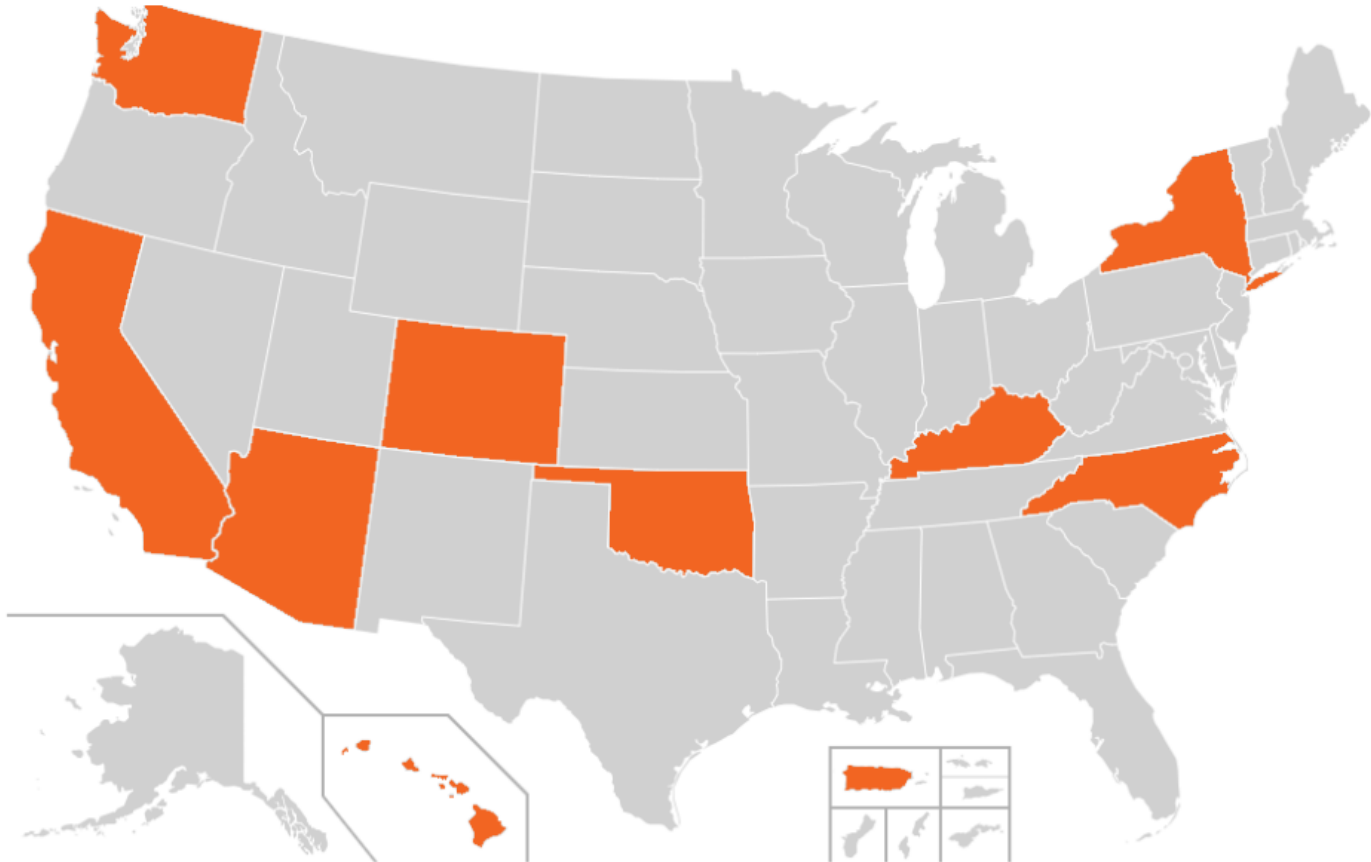
Learning Lab Overview

Building the field of F2FA

- Gain a deeper understanding of F2FA programs
 - Co-production of knowledge on:
 - Key factors in success
 - Challenges
 - Sustainability
- Capacity building for 10 F2FA programs
 - Peer learning
 - Access to advisors
 - Flexible funding (\$20,000/team)



Map of Learning Lab Team Locations



Learning Lab structure

- September call- Kickoff, getting to know each other on monthly calls
- October call - Developing a shared analysis of the system
- Oct 31-Nov 3- In person retreat
- Nov-June calls- Trainings, Peer learning
- Between monthly cohort calls - 1-1 Advisor support, research (surveys & interviews)





FROM CHARITY to SOLIDARITY: REDEFINING FARM to FOOD ASSISTANCE

OUR FUTURE
TOGETHER

"ANOTHER WORLD is NOT ONLY POSSIBLE, SHE is ON HER WAY. MAYBE MANY of US WON'T BE HERE to GREET HER, BUT ON a QUIET DAY, if I LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY, I CAN HEAR HER BREATHING!"
-ARUNDHATI ROY

a BETTER WORLD

WHAT DOES it MEAN to BE AN EQUITY-CENTERED COMMUNITY DRIVEN FARM to FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

CONNECTION
HUMANITY
CARE
LOVE

WHO ARE GROWERS?
CONSUMERS?

MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE



THEY KNOW the FARMERS and the LAND!



WHAT HOLDS US BACK?

- LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE
- RACISM • CAPITALISM
- COMPETITION



WHAT ARE the IMPACTS?

- FOOD JUSTICE | FARMERS/ GROWERS
- ACCESSIBILITY
- DECENTRALIZATION
- KNOWLEDGE PASSED ON to the FUTURE
- ANALYSIS of ROOT CAUSES
- PEOPLE FOCUSED - CONNECTION!
- HUMAN SCALE: FARMERS are ABLE to SCALE as THEY WISH!
- JOY, BELONGING, & CONNECTION

DIGNITY INTERWOVEN

- EQUITY in PROCESS, NOT JUST in OUTCOMES
- ADDRESSING UNDERLYING CAUSES of HUNGER, NOT JUST SYMPTOMS
- PRIORITIZING FARMERS WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT
- VALUING LIVED EXPERIENCE — FARMERS
- ONGOING EVALUATION: EQUITY ALL ALONG! — COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- LANGUAGE JUSTICE
- BUILDING TRUST
- INCLUSIVE NEEDS DEFINED by the COMMUNITY!
- CULTURAL RELEVANCE

EXPLICIT ABOUT WHO THESE PROGRAMS ARE FOR!

WHO?

WHO is AT the TABLE?

- ★ FOOD HUBS
- ★ CHILDREN + FAMILIES
- ★ COMMUNITY BEING SERVED
- ★ LGBTQ+
- ★ FARMERS that NEED the MOST HELP
- ★ PARTNERS + GOVT. AGENCIES
- ★ FARMERS of ALL SCALES
- ★ NEW FARMERS

This is a COLLECTIVE REFLECTION of the F2FA LEARNING LAB.

FOOD SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP NETWORK



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SHIFTING from SHAME to DIGNITY!

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