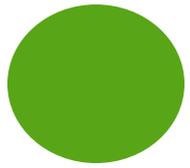




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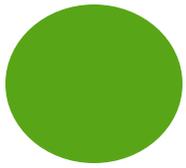
Healthy Eating Active Living Manager,
CDPHE

Colorado FTS Task Force Board Member



Colorado Farm to School

- Overview of the Colorado Farm to School Task Force
- Growth of Farm to School in Colorado
- Resources Available



Colorado Farm to School Task Force

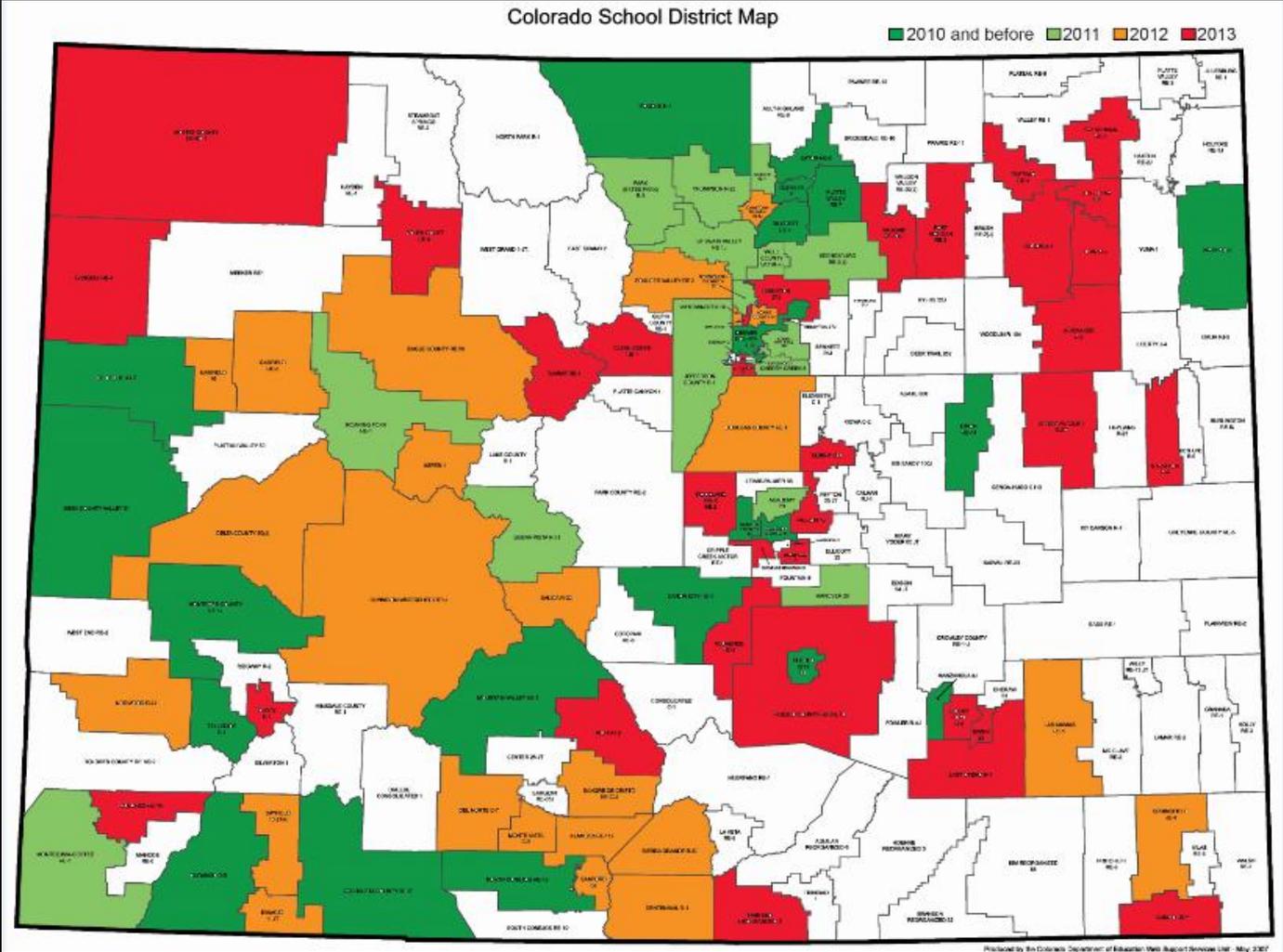
2010 - Senate Bill 81

“Farm-to-School Healthy Kids Act”

- Advising farm-to-school pilots and existing programs
- Identifying, designing, or making available training programs to enable local farmers and ranchers
- Providing assistance to schools on recipes, menu rotation, proper handling, preparing, storing, and other internal processes that accommodate the use of locally grown foods in public schools
- Offering assistance in identifying funding sources and grants
- Developing a statewide FTS data collection plan



FTS Growth: Four-Fold Increase between 2010-13



Toolkits

FTS Grant Toolkit

- I. Locate grants
- II. Select grants
- III. Write grant proposal

FTS Evaluation Toolkit

- Students • Parents • Teachers
- Food Services • Producers
- School Leadership
- Community

FTS Food Safety Project

“Just the Facts”
Policy Guidance

FTS Marketing Toolkit

- Nutrition Services Staff
- Teachers • Administrators
- Students • Producers
- Parents & Community

PART I: LOCATING FTS GRANTS CHECKLIST

PART II: SELECTING FTS GRANTS CHECKLIST

Part III: Farm to School Grant Template

Assistance in Applying for Farm to School Funding



**FARM TO SCHOOL
EVALUATION
TOOLKIT**

Farm to School Food Safety Project

**FTS Marketing
Toolkit**



Interactive & On-Line Tools

Food Safety Prezi Presentations

Producers

Food Service Directors

FTS Webinar Series

FTS Primer

CO Proud School Meal
Day

CO MarketMaker

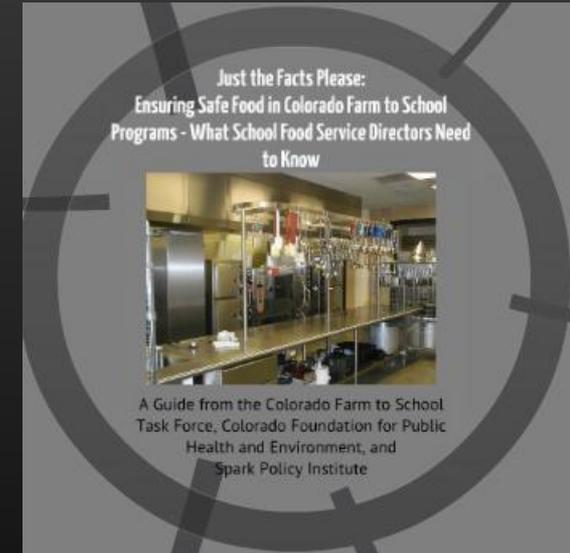
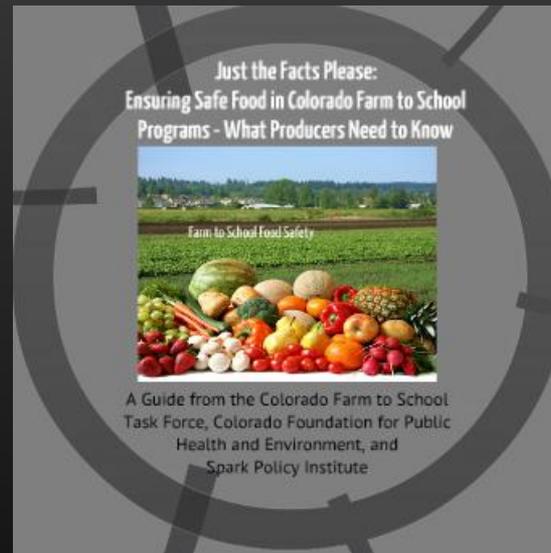
Youth Farmers Markets

Local Bids

School Gardens

Self-Assessment Tools

Choose your own FTS
Adventure!



Colorado Farm to School's webinar series is a good place to learn about specific topics. Check out our archived webinars!



**Choose Your Own Farm to School Adventure: A Tool to Help
Schools Review their Interest and Readiness**

Intensive Technical Assistance Workshops

- Stakeholder Strategic Planning Session
- FTS Purchasing 101
- FTS and the New Meal Pattern
- FTS & Pre-bid Conferences
- Farm to Institution
- Safety First
- School Gardens
- FTS Evaluation



Colorado Farm to School

Making Evaluation Easy

Resources and Tools for Implementing an Evaluation of Your Farm to School Program

Accountability * Improvement * Results * Marketing



Colorado FTS Website

- Audience-specific pages
- Event calendar
- Daily FTS RSS feed
- Task Force work
- Grant resources
- Blog & Ask an Expert



Colorado Farm to School Updates

ColoradoFarmToSchool.org

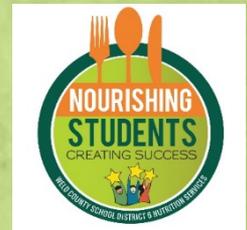
Weld D6 Farm to School Program

Our Story



Our Statistics...

- Student Enrollment = 21,400
 - 13th Largest District in CO
- Languages Spoken = 60+
 - 60% of students are of Hispanic culture
- Free & Reduced % = 66
- 3,428,422 Meals Served Annually
 - 34 Serving Locations
 - \$9.6 Million Annual Budget





Weld County School District 6 FTS

School Year 2008-2009

- Purchased one crop of cherry tomatoes for \$239
- Small grant received to begin hosting FTS meetings.
- Harvest of the Month implemented.
- Menus rely on highly processed foods.

School Years 2009-2011

- Farm to School program expands in D6 focused only on produce and school garden implementation.
- Jeremy appointed to CO FTS Taskforce
- Grants Galore!
 - School Gardens FTS Marketing
 - Salad Bars Fresh Fruit & Veg Program
 - Central Production Kitchen



Weld County School District 6 FTS

School Year 2011-2012

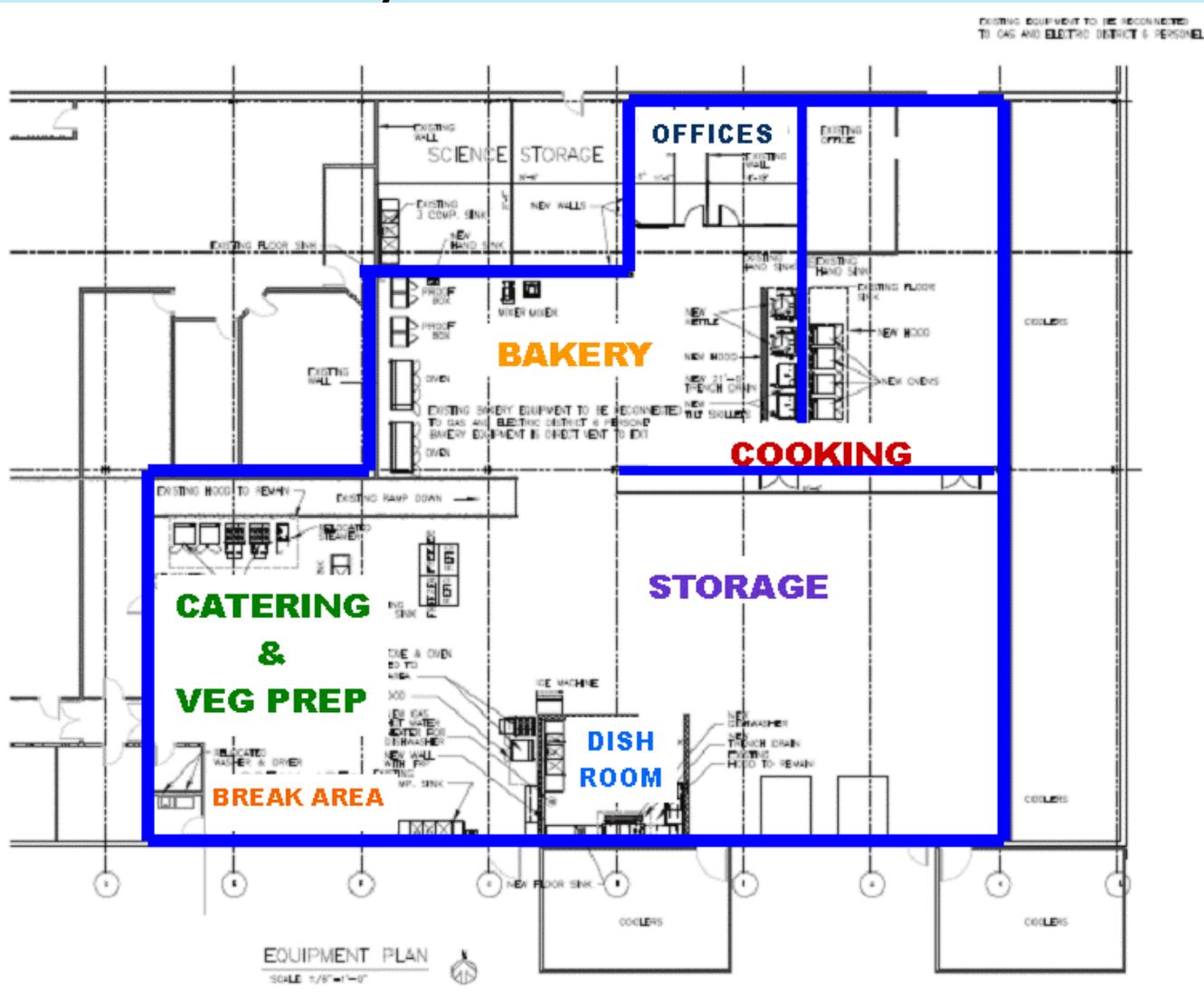
- Central Production Facility/Food Hub opens in late 2011
- Increased focus on producing food with local ingredients.
- 75% of entrees prepared from scratch
- Collective Bid process with NoCo districts begins.



School Years 2012-Present

- Farm to School program expands in D6 adding protein items. Now accounts for 22% of all food purchases
- Food Hub work ramps up
- Grants-
 - USDA FTS Implementation Grant
 - Local Health Department Grant
 - CDA Enrich Colorado Grant

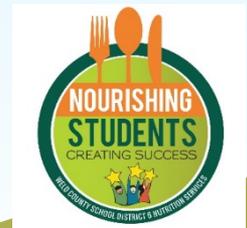
Greeley-Evans District 6 Central Kitchen/Food Hub Facilities



Farm to Table Sustainability



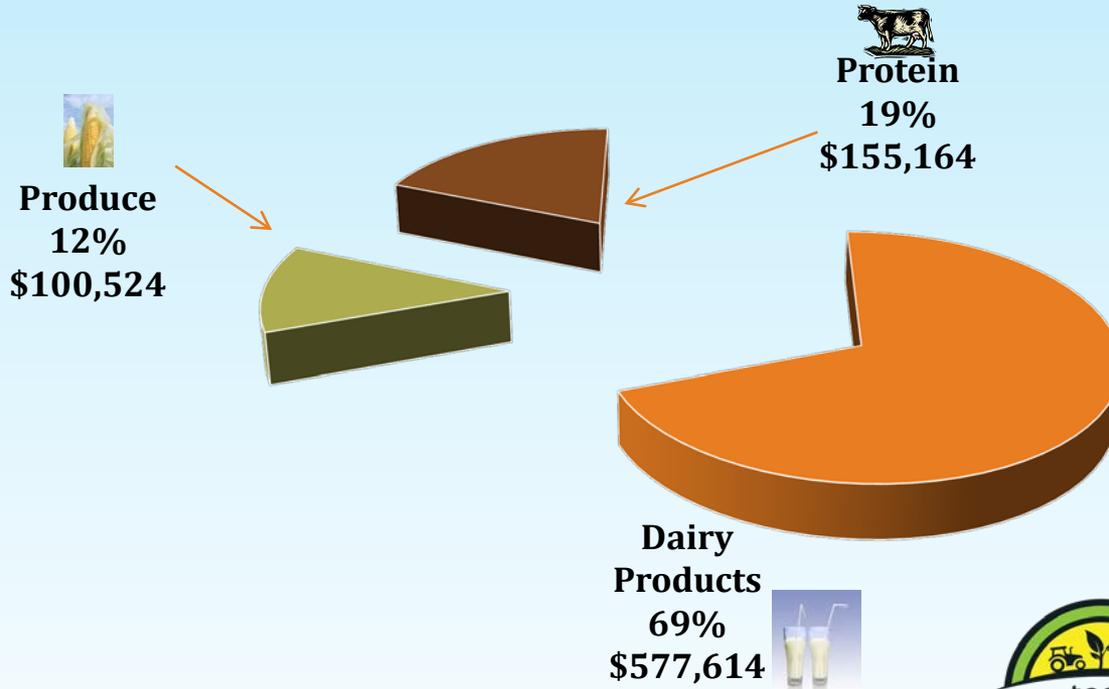
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Our Outcomes... Greeley-Evans D6 Produce Purchasing History



District 6 Local Purchases 2014-15



\$833,302

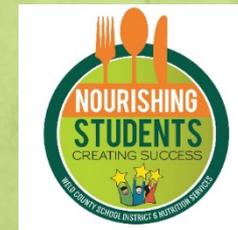


Types of Products Purchased

- Apples
- Peaches
- Pears
- Corn on the Cob
- Pinto Beans
- Melons
- Onions
- Peppers
- Mushrooms
- Carrots
- Summer Squash
- Tomatoes
- Romaine Lettuce
- Potatoes
- Beef Patties
- Chicken
- Milk



Our Journey... Fruits/Veggies



Our Journey... Burrito Story

Average Ingredient Label-Then

Over 35 ingredients!



Bean & Cheese Burrito

Ingredients

FILLING: WATER, PINTO BEANS, REDUCED SODIUM, REDUCED FAT PASTEURIZED PROCESS AMERICAN CHEESE: CULTURED PASTEURIZED MILK AND SKIM MILK, *WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE, POTASSIUM CITRATE, CONTAINS LESS THAN 2% OF SALT, SODIUM CITRATE, LACTIC ACID, SORBIC ACID (PRESERVATIVE), NATURAL FLAVOR, *XANTHAN GUM, *LOCUST BEAN GUM, *GUAR GUM, APO-CAROTENAL AND BETA CAROTENE (COLOR), *VITAMIN A PALMITATE, ENZYMES, SOY LECITHIN, AND SOYBEAN OIL BLEND. (*NOT FOUND IN REGULAR PASTEURIZED PROCESS AMERICAN CHEESE), GREEN CHILE PUREE (GREEN CHILE PEPPERS, WATER, CITRIC ACID), TEXTURED VEGETABLE PROTEIN PRODUCT [SOY FLOUR, CARAMEL COLOR, ZINC OXIDE, FERROUS SULFATE, NIACINAMIDE, CALCIUM PANTOTHENATE, PYRIDOXINE HYDROCHLORIDE (B6), RIBOFLAVIN (B2), THIAMINE MONONITRATE (B1), VITAMIN A PALMITATE, AND VITAMIN B12], FLAVORINGS, MINCED ONION AND SALT. WHOLE WHEAT TORTILLA: WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR, ENRICHED BLEACHED WHEAT FLOUR (WHEAT FLOUR, NIACIN, REDUCED IRON, THIAMINE MONONITRATE, RIBOFLAVIN, FOLIC ACID), WATER, SOYBEAN OIL, SALT, GUAR GUM, BAKING POWDER (CORNSTARCH, SODIUM BICARBONATE, SODIUM ALUMINUM SULFATE AND MONOCALCIUM PHOSPHATE).

Ingredients NOW



Only 12 ingredients!

Ingredients

DRIED PINTO BEANS, ONION, GARLIC, PEPPER, TOMATO PASTE, WATER, CHILI POWDER, CUMIN, PAPRIKA, ONION POWDER, CHEDDAR CHEESE, FLOUR TORTILLA

Local Beans utilized!



Partnerships For Success

Weld County Dept of Public Health

Colorado FTS Taskforce

Other School Districts

Real Food Colorado

USDA

National Farm to School Network

Farmers/Producers

Traditional Vendors



Partnerships For Success

Weld County Dept of Public Health



- **Reviewed Food Safety Plans**
 - **Technical Assistance**
 - **Mini Grants**
 - **Served as a Connector to Ag Community**
 - **Promote our program to Ag Community**
 - **School Garden SOP development**
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Successes

FTS program is growing

Food Safety maintained

Improved Menus

- **Taste**
- **Nutritional Value**

Community Perception

School Gardens implemented

Grants



Challenges

Locating/Keeping Growers & Producers

Finding “Seconds”

Systems Development

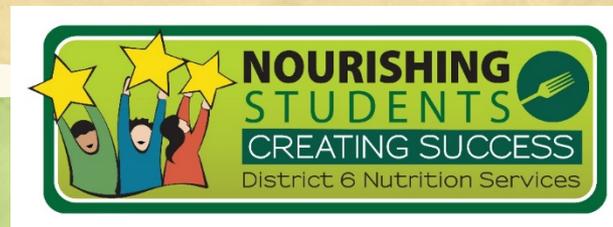
Systems and Equipment for Processing

Labor Costs

Food Cost

Student Acceptance

Connect with Us



- d6nutritionservices



- D6SchoolLunch



- d6nutritionservices

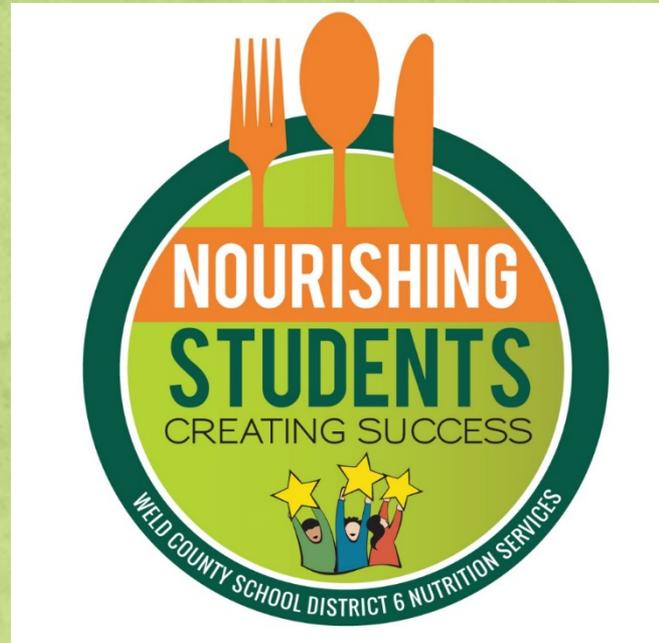


- www.greeleyschools.org/nutritionservices

- schoolfood@greeleyschools.org

- 970-348-6600

Questions?



~Thank You~

ECHO Colorado

Extension for Community Health Outcomes



What is ECHO COLORADO?



ECHO ~ Extension for Community Health Outcomes ~ is a knowledge sharing model. It is an innovative approach to building capacity by increasing participants' access to expert and peer knowledge.

The ECHO model is designed to...

- increase access to expert knowledge and support,
- reduce professional isolation,
- reduce high cost of off-site trainings, and
- create a community of learners.

1

Multiple Sessions via Video



- 3 - 6 month time frame
- Once or twice per month

2

Expert Presentation

Agenda

Expert	:10 - 15
Case	:10 - 15
Discussion	:30

3

Case – based learning

Case or Scenario

- Relates to topic
- Example from work
- Challenges
- Peer input

Peer Learning Community Experience



Connect . . . from your PC, tablet, laptop or smartphone



Connecting to an ECHO session using Zoom requires:

- an internet connection (low bandwidth needed) &
- a device with a camera or your computer and a web cam.

Who Participates in an ECHO Session?



Facilitator



Presenter



Panelists



 REGISTER NOW

Coordinators Are Here to Help You

Answer questions

01

Case study

02

Feedback

03

CE credit

04



The Sessions



Benefits of Participating

- √ Refresh on current best practices
- √ Earn CE credits
- √ Receive curbside consultation
- √ Decrease unnecessary referrals
- √ Practice at the top of your licensure
- √ Improve health outcomes for your patients and community

Upcoming Topics

Quality Improvement for Local Public Health Agencies	Current Issues in Child Maltreatment for CACs
HIV	HEP C
Colorectal Cancer Screening	Tobacco Cessation
Creating A Sustainable Movement	Caring for Medically Complex Children

Creating a Sustainable Movement

Learning Objectives

1. Identify and employ a variety of strategies and tactics in order to form transformative partnerships with communities most impacted by obesity and health inequities.
2. Develop community leadership that leads to the sustainability of community change efforts.
3. Identify resources and understand policy mechanisms to further the cause of wellness in the communities with which they work.

Creating a Sustainable Movement

Sessions

Open for Registration April 4

April 14: Intro to ECHO

May 12: Community engagement in communities with socioeconomic status

June 9: Community engagement in Latino communities

July 14: Building leadership in and with the community

Aug. 11: Policy and advocacy

Sept. 8: Funding (sustainable, grassroots, community, engaged & beyond grants)

Questions?