

# farm to child care

The Farm to Child Care (FTCC) mini-grant was offered through the original Wellness in Alaska Child Care grant. During the first two quarters many WIACC awardees used their grant awards to purchase aero gardens, soil, seeds, worm composters, and planter boxes to create their own gardens. This additional grant aligned perfectly with the WIACC grant as they both greatly emphasized healthy eating.

The goals of the FTCC mini-grant were to increase Alaska youths' understanding of how food gets from its original form to the plate, promote healthy food choices, and to encourage a preference for food grown and harvested in Alaska. Grant participants had to submit an application outlining what type of Farm to Child Care activity they would promote. The project had to be supported by the agency food service staff and required partnership with a mentor such as a master gardener, farmer, or chef.



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Grant applications were evaluated and award amounts were distributed based on the relative need for the proposed activity, the importance of the problem being addressed, benefits likely to derive from the proposed activity, and the number of children the grant would reach. Fourteen grants were awarded with a total of \$19,900 dispersed.

