



Down East Partnership for Children

FEED Programs Coach – Fall 2019

Contracted Position:

Food to Early Education Programs Coach

Area

Down East Partnership for Children (DEPC) of Nash and Edgecombe Counties is a non-profit organization located in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. DEPC is committed to launching every child as a healthy, lifelong learner by the end of the third grade! We believe that all children and their families can reach their full potential when surrounded by a united and supportive community. DEPC's goals involve health, families and communities, early care and education, as well as ready schools. You can learn more about us at our [website](#).

Food to Early Education

Food to Early Education is a new initiative currently in its second year at DEPC. FEED's goal is to increase the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables served in childcare sites serving low-income children. This three year initiative includes multiple cohorts of childcare sites enrolled in phases.

The function of FEED is to develop food supply chains by working with organizations to develop relationships/mechanisms to connect local food and farmers to child care providers, modifying the way child care centers purchase fresh, healthy foods.

Role

As the FEED Programs Coach, you will work one-on-one with childcare center directors and lead teachers to ensure that classroom activities reflect the values of FEED. You'll leverage your childhood development expertise to model lessons that bring a deeper understanding of where food comes from, what it does to our bodies, and how it's made into the early care classrooms and outside in the garden. The FEED Programs Coach will report directly to the FEED Coordinator.

This contract will begin January 1, 2020 and run through June 30, 2020.

Compensation: This position requires 15-30 hrs/week of work. \$15-25/hour based on qualifications.



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Responsibilities

- Provide technical assistance, coaching and support to FEED child care centers
 - Provide on-site training and workshops for providers
 - Conduct site visits to each FEED center 1-2 times per month minimum, more as needed
 - Apply the “Reach for the Stars” handbook to 50% of classrooms in each FEED center
 - Administer GoNAPSACC F2ECE module to child care centers participating in FEED
 - Monitor garden progress & usage
 - Coordinate with FoodCorps service members and/or Healthy Kids Specialist to plan garden builds and major garden workdays
 - Assist center administrators in developing a FEED action plan
 - Document all TA visits & phone calls as needed
 - Model early childhood lessons using a FEED lens
- Support FEED centers in planning and executing 1 family engagement night while they are enrolled in the initiative
- Assist in coordination of professional development and training for FEED center administration and staff
- Coordinates with FEED Systems Coach and FEED Coordinator to improve center understanding of local food, nutrition, and gardening programming across the child care center
 - Consistently communicate & collaborate with FEED Coordinator & HKC Manager
 - Participate in all FEED Team Meetings
- Work closely with DEPC Child Care Resource and Referral Team to plan long term FEED support for centers exiting FEED initiative

Job Qualifications

Minimum qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in child development, early childhood education, human services, or other directly related field
- Prior experience in early childhood education
- Strong Team Player
- Successful experience and knowledge of the coaching model and continuous quality improvement process
- Ability to work independently and organize multiple tasks
- Process management, problem solving, and strategic planning skills
- Ability to communicate ideas effectively, both orally and in writing



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- Initiative to plan and execute tasks and programs with minimal direct supervision
- Comfortability with communication over email and the Microsoft Office Suite
- Strong Understanding of child development and the early childhood educational system
- Ability to establish rapport and effectively communicate with individuals of varying ages, educational levels, racial backgrounds, and socioeconomic backgrounds

Preferred qualifications:

- Early Educator's Certification-Level 11 and Early Educator Professional Development and Technical Assistance endorsement required
- Working knowledge of gardening
- Familiarity with the Farm to School or Farm to Early Care and Education movement
- Passion for healthy eating