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FARM TO PRESCHOOL!

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Farm to Preschool is on the move in Oregon! What began a few years ago as a pilot program between Oregon Child Development Coalition and Portland-based non-profit Ecotrust has now blossomed into a statewide movement. The Oregon Farm to Preschool Coalition started meeting regularly last year, and is dedicated to supporting programs across the state. All models of early care and education are included in this effort!

Farm to Preschool is defined as activities that establish relationships between local foods and children. This could include growing edible plants in gardens or on windowsills, serving local foods in meals or snacks, and featuring local foods in educational activities such as taste tests, field trips to farms, or educational sessions for parents and/or community members.

If you're interested in learning more about Farm to Preschool/Farm to Child Care, start by signing up for the monthly Farm to Preschool e-newsletter and checking out some great resources at www.farmtopreschool.org. If you'd like to learn more about the Oregon Farm to Preschool Coalition or think about starting or expanding a program of your own, please contact Katy Pelissier, Farm to School Coordinator at Ecotrust: katy@ecotrust.org. We would love to help you start a program of your own!

The Oregon Farm to Preschool Coalition includes Child Care Resource and Referral staff, Head Start staff, along with other representatives from early care and education, and Farm to School. Farm to Preschool is also beginning to take root nationwide, led by the National Farm to School Network.

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