

School Participation:

In Washington State, seven schools in King and Pierce Counties are participating in the project as active research partners. All schools participate in data collection. Intervention schools receive garden installation, educational lessons and options for teachers to extend the lessons through additional activities in the gardens.

Dick Scobee Elementary School	Auburn
Cedar Valley Elementary School	Covington
Bow Lake Elementary	SeaTac
Daffodil Valley Elementary School	Sumner
Fern Hill Elementary School	Tacoma
Franklin Elementary School	Tacoma
Mary Lyon Elementary School	Tacoma

We are also engaging food service and physical education staff to coordinate with local educators, creating an integrated approach to improving students' nutrition and health.



Community Engagement:

Families, caregivers and other community members are engaged by contributing information about the home environment and eating practices, learning about nutrition concepts, and trying out new recipes at home. Garden Care Groups engage parents and community members to support the garden through the summer months.

WSU Extension's Role:

- Local Extension professionals and volunteers, such as Master Gardener Volunteers, are working with students and teachers to create, plant, harvest and maintain the garden, as well as supporting teachers in delivery of hands-on learning.
- WSU Extension led the project development including identifying the team, and writing the grant, which was selected as the sole recipient of this nationwide grant program.
- Karen Barale leads the Content and Delivery Team, which oversees selection of education toolkit resources and development of online training tools.
- Martha Aitken and Brad Gaolach lead the national leadership team, overseeing overall project coordination, development of communication strategies and content, and overall tracking of project data and outcomes.
- Zena Edwards, Brian Brandt, and Jim Lindstrom provided training to the national project team and Donald Pierce provided website and SharePoint support.
- Washington State project team members are:
 - Brad Gaolach, Principle Investigator
 - Martha Aitken and Karen Barale, State Coordinators
 - Barbara Schreibe, Kerri Wilson, Extension Educators
 - Toni Fitzgerald and Louise Parker, Advisory Team Members

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