



The Illinois Farm to School Network invites you to a **free**, one-day boot camp training for food service, administration and garden managers hosted at Parkland Community College in Champaign, IL.

During the event you will:

- enjoy morning coffee and a delicious local lunch from Betsy's Bistro / Hendrick House
- engage colleagues with farm to school experience
- learn to add programming and connect to your site resources
- explore basics of menuing and incorporating local into your food program
- learn how to buy local thru DOD, direct from growers with a Micro Purchase and how to add bid language that works and is allowable for both USDA and CACFP!
- meet two Illinois distributors moving local/regional foods into the distribution chain
- *switch locations and drop by the Fowler Farm in Champaign for a "Meet Your Farmer" and farm tour event of the farm

*There will be local farmers to meet and get to know. And, hey! If you get hungry, there's a local food truck onsite, too. In case of inclement weather, we will move to the Betsy's Bistro inside Parkland for our networking with our farmers.

Regardless of how involved in Farm to School your site is now, you won't want to miss it.

Farm to School isn't just for schools - any site that feeds children or utilizes a learning garden program can benefit from incorporating local food and engaging young eaters in nutrition education. You can view the full event flier [here](#).

Participation is first come, first serve. Please RSVP by Oct 9.

[Register here.](#)