



**County Teams
March 2010
Leader Version**

NE Iowa F&F Initiative's Working VISION:

Northeast Iowa is a unique place where all residents & guests experience, celebrate and promote healthy locally grown food with abundant opportunities for physical activity and play EVERY DAY. Healthier people make stronger families and vibrant communities.

- Handouts – posted for County Team Meeting – County Leader will arrange for copies of the following (*Please make copies 2-sided, black print*):
 - FFI County Team Agenda – March 2010
 - FFI Farm to School Summary
- **Handouts/Visual Aids –**
 - Laptop Computer, Projector, Speakers & Screen
 - Newsprint or white board
- *For County Team Leader/Facilitator reference/background:*
 - FFI Work Group February Updates - posted
 - Pilot Schools - posted
 - Farm to School pilot description – posted
 - E-Newsletter – March 2010 - posted

Welcome & Introduction Activity (Record for Meeting Documentation):

- *When is the last time you ate a school meal? What was it?*
(10-15 minutes)

Summary of Program and Discussion (Record for Meeting Documentation):

- NE Iowa Farm to School Project: Students eating local and supporting local producers – by Farm to School team members – **(20 minutes)**
- **Discussion (5 minutes each):**
 - (Objective): What are your initial thoughts of the Farm to School program and its goals?
 - (Reflective): How do we get from where we are to where we want to be, in regards to school lunches? Perceived barriers...
 - (Interpretive): What education currently exists in schools that teach students about where their food comes?

How would the Farm to School Program involve the entire community? In what ways would this benefit the community, its farmers, its students, and others?

- **(Decisional) Next Steps (10 minutes):**
How do you think you can become involved? (Here is a list of ideas, but don't feel confined to this list, we encourage thinking outside the box!)
**** The Farm to School presenter will bring a sign-up sheet and postcards for this brainstorming activity. However it would helpful to have newsprint to right everyone's ideas on.**

-Recruit community members/businesses to volunteer in the garden or donate garden tools and equipment.

-Appoint a Farm to School community liaison (ideally somebody connected with the school who could relay messages to county team members).

-Are you a local a producer or do you know any that would be interested in selling food to schools?

-Attend school board meetings and advocate for Farm to School.

-Inquire about Farm to School programs at schools.

FFI February Update – Work Group Updates – Verbal summary (5 minutes)

Active Living - Safe Routes to School

- Follow up from February discussion; How can you become involved in promoting walkable-bikeable communities?

Review: Role of County Teams in Implementation (1 minute)

- **Community Engagement around the FFI Vision**
- **Advocacy for Policy and System Change**
- **Participatory Evaluation**

Individual County Updates/Agenda Items:

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Action Items (Record for Meeting Documentation): (5 minutes)

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Next County Planning Team meeting: (3-5 minutes)

Date: *The date of your next County Team Meeting; April _____*

Agenda Items (Record for Meeting Documentation):

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Meeting Reflection (Record for Meeting Documentation): (5 minutes)

What went well at the meeting?

How might we improve the process for the next meeting?

County Team Leaders:

Please submit meeting minutes/report within one week of your county meeting by using the following link (also posted on FFI website): <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZFYNB7Z>

Thank you!!!