

SAVE THE DATE



Farm to School Workshops

Regional Intensive Technical Assistance Series January – February 2016

The [Colorado Farm to School Task Force](#) (Task Force) and [Real Food Colorado](#) (RFCO) launched the [Intensive Technical Assistance Workshop](#) (ITA) series in 2013 with a generous grant from



The Colorado Health Foundation



[The Colorado Health Foundation](#) and the [Gates Family Foundation](#). The Task Force and RFCO brought FTS experts and resources to

regions visited in keeping with the Task Force's mission to support and encourage Colorado Farm to School (FTS) programming.

In the final year of its grant funding, the 2016 ITAs are presented as mini-conferences and will visit three regions. The ITAs will offer critical FTS curriculum that supports local food access and procurement by institutional kitchens.



Space is limited, so [PRE-REGISTER](#) for one of the upcoming 2016 ITAs.

Questions? Please contact:

RFCO: info@realfoodcolorado.com OR Task Force: lyn@sparkpolicy.com

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Tri-River Region

January 29, 2016

[Montrose Fairgrounds](#)

Friendship Hall

1001 North Second Street

Montrose, CO 81401

North Front Range

February 5, 2016

[Adams Fairgrounds](#)

Al Lesser Building

9755 Henderson Road

Brighton, CO 80601

South Front Range

February 12, 2016

[Pueblo Fairgrounds](#)

Auditorium

1001 Beulah Avenue

Pueblo, CO 81004

Farm to School ITAs are from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Three Regions

The three 2016 regional ITAs cover more than 16 counties:

- **Tri-River:** January 29th
- **North Front Range:** February 5th
- **South Front Range:** February 12th

The ITA Curriculum will include:

- **FTS Food Safety:** an overview of processes, training and knowledge needed to successfully and safely build your FTS program.
- **FTS Regional Grant Program:** a competitive grants program to support regional producers' and food hubs' ability to meet food safety standards in order to sell to school districts. This program is made possible by funding from CoBank.
- **FTS Marketplace:** offering insight into school food procurement and FTS purchasing programs supporting access to and use of local food in school meals.
- **FTS Marketplace Speed Networking:** a forum for Producers and Food Buyers to meet and discuss potential purchasing programs.
- **FTS Mentor Program:** a unique Producer peer-to-peer program that pairs producers new to the school food institutional marketplace with a seasoned FTS producer. This program's mission is to increase the number of Colorado's fruit and vegetable producers who are willing and able to sell to Colorado schools and bolster the FTS marketplace. This program is funded by a USDA FTS grant.