

School Garden Webinar Series:

Success Stories with the Prescott Unified School District

Webinar Series

January 20, 2021 3:30pm

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This training was sponsored by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services Division (HNS).

Intended Audience

This training is intended for **School Food Authorities (SFAs)** operating the **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** and the school garden leaders and teachers that support them.

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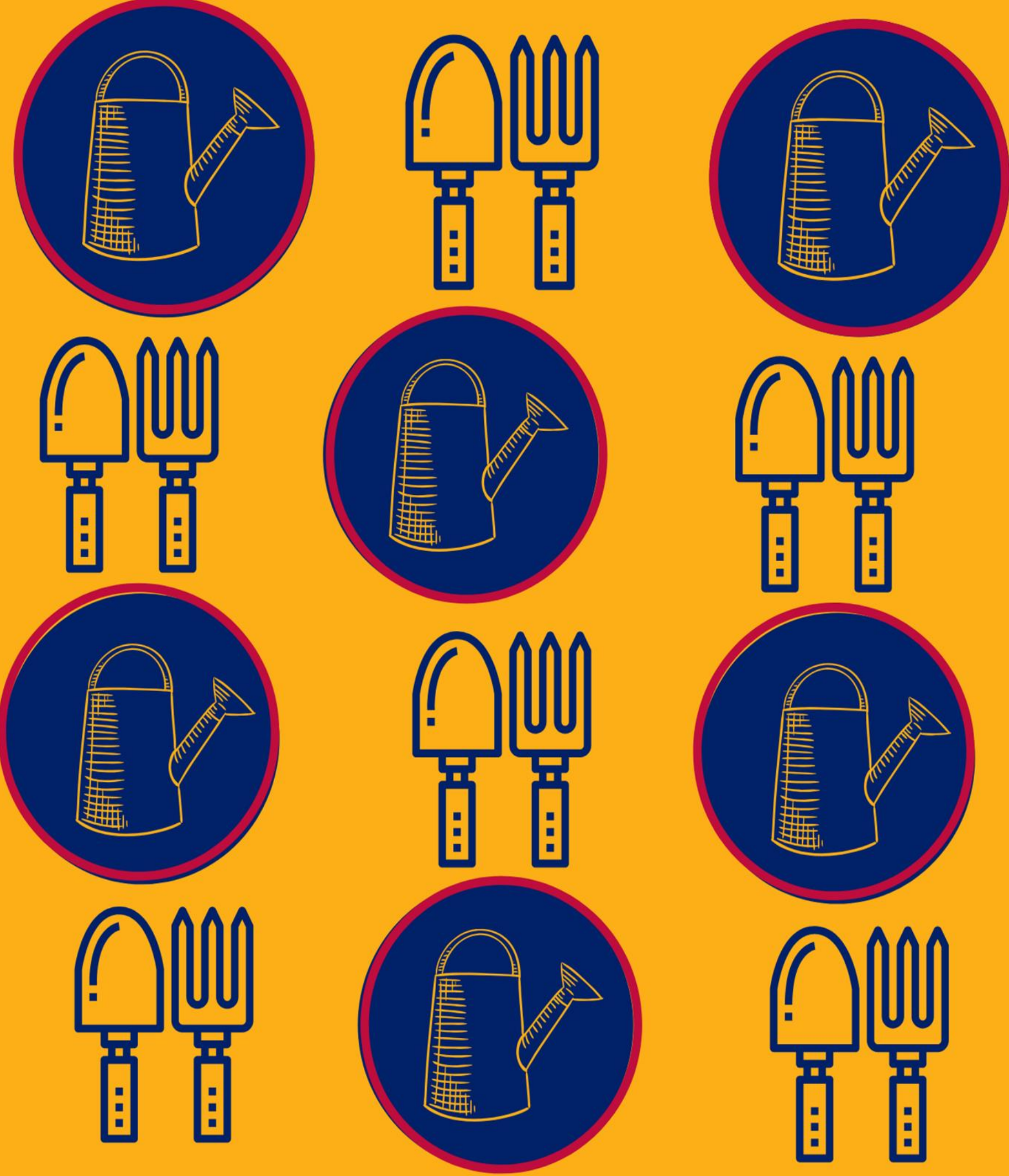
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In February 2020 past attendees of the Arizona School Garden Sustainability series of 2019, responded wanting to learn more about success stories from school garden programs in Arizona.



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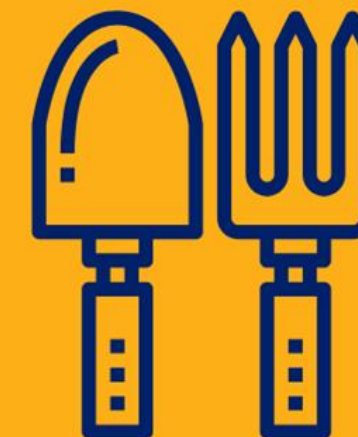
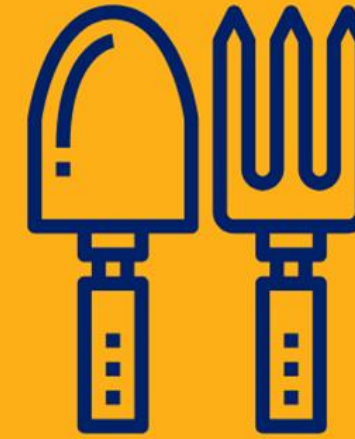
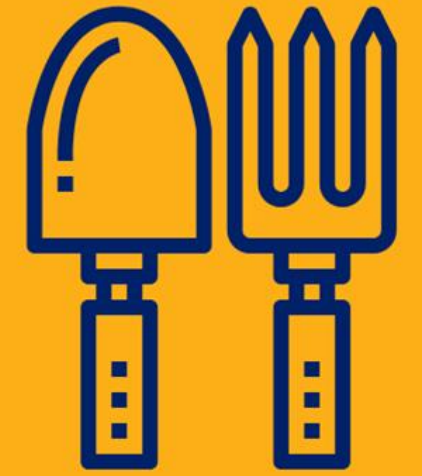
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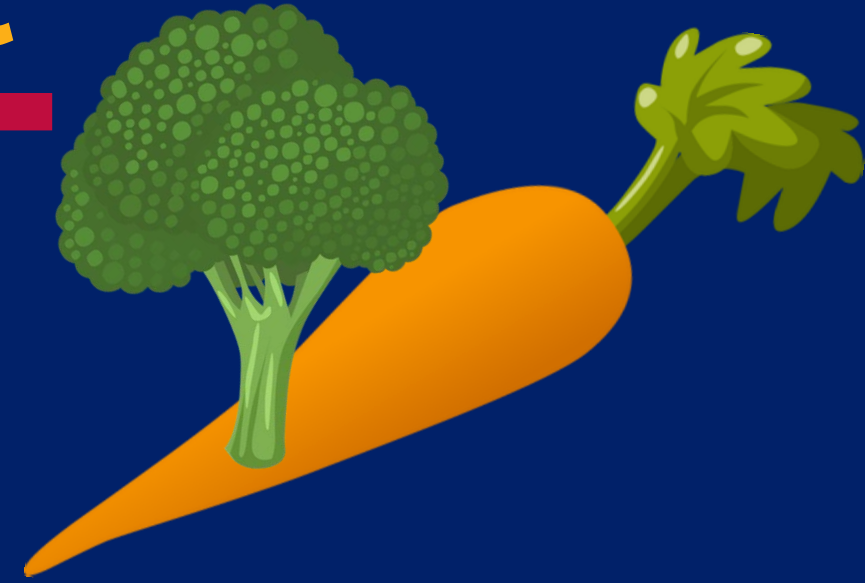
- AmeriCorps VISTA Farm to School Coordinator
- Proud Alum of the Prescott Unified School District
- Graduate of Prescott College with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Education
- ***Excited to be giving back to the school district I grew up in!***

Overview

1. Road to USDA Farm to School Grant
2. Goals
3. History
4. Community Partnerships
5. Our Program Structure
6. Classroom and Garden Club Success
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10. Sustaining our Program
11. Recommended Resources
12. Q & A

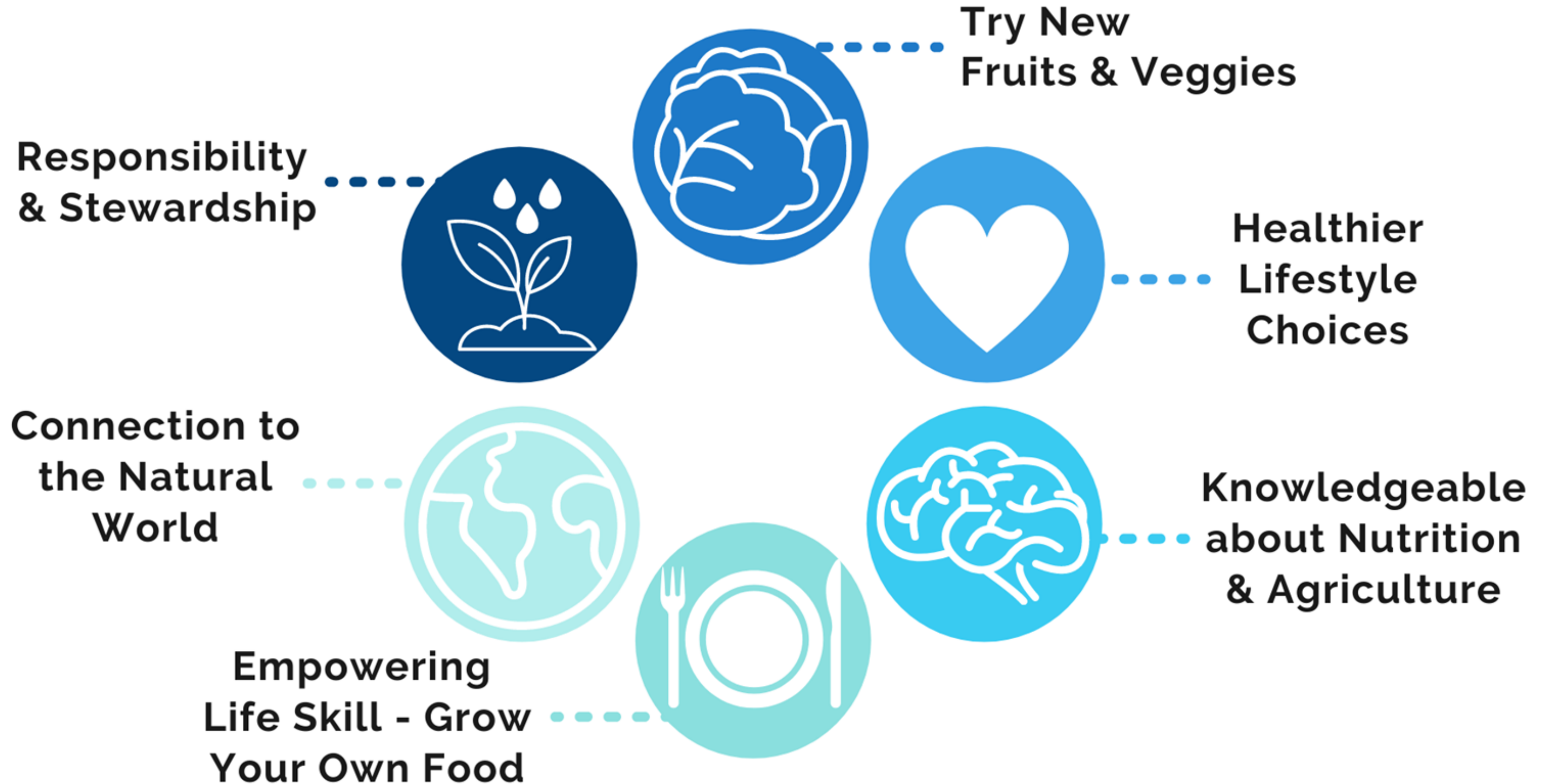


Road to USDA Farm to School Grant

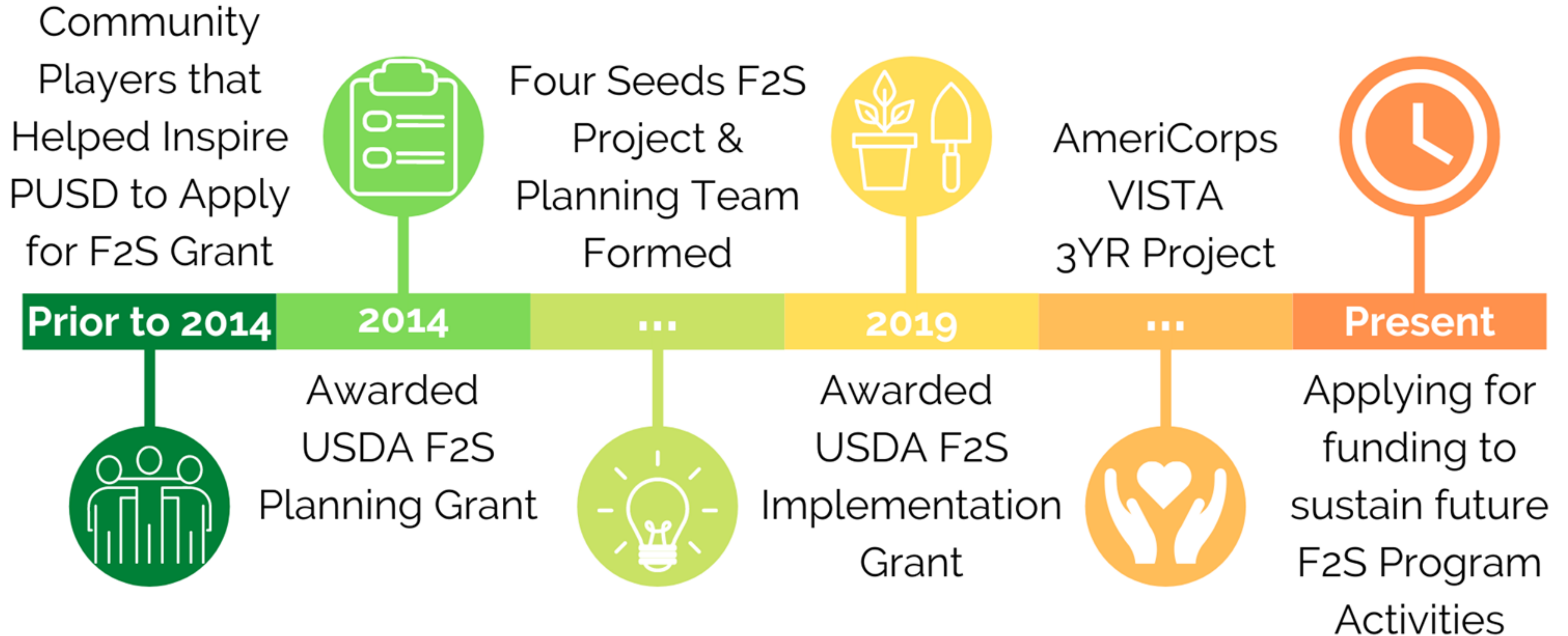


- **What is the Farm to School movement?**
- **What is the USDA Farm to School Grant Program?**
- **How do I apply?**
 - SM.FN.FarmToSchool@usda.gov
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cfs/resources-farm-school-grant-program-applicants>
 - <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/f2s/F2S-Planning-Kit.pdf>
 - https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFNS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USFNS_118
- **Our Experience**

What are our Goals?



Our History

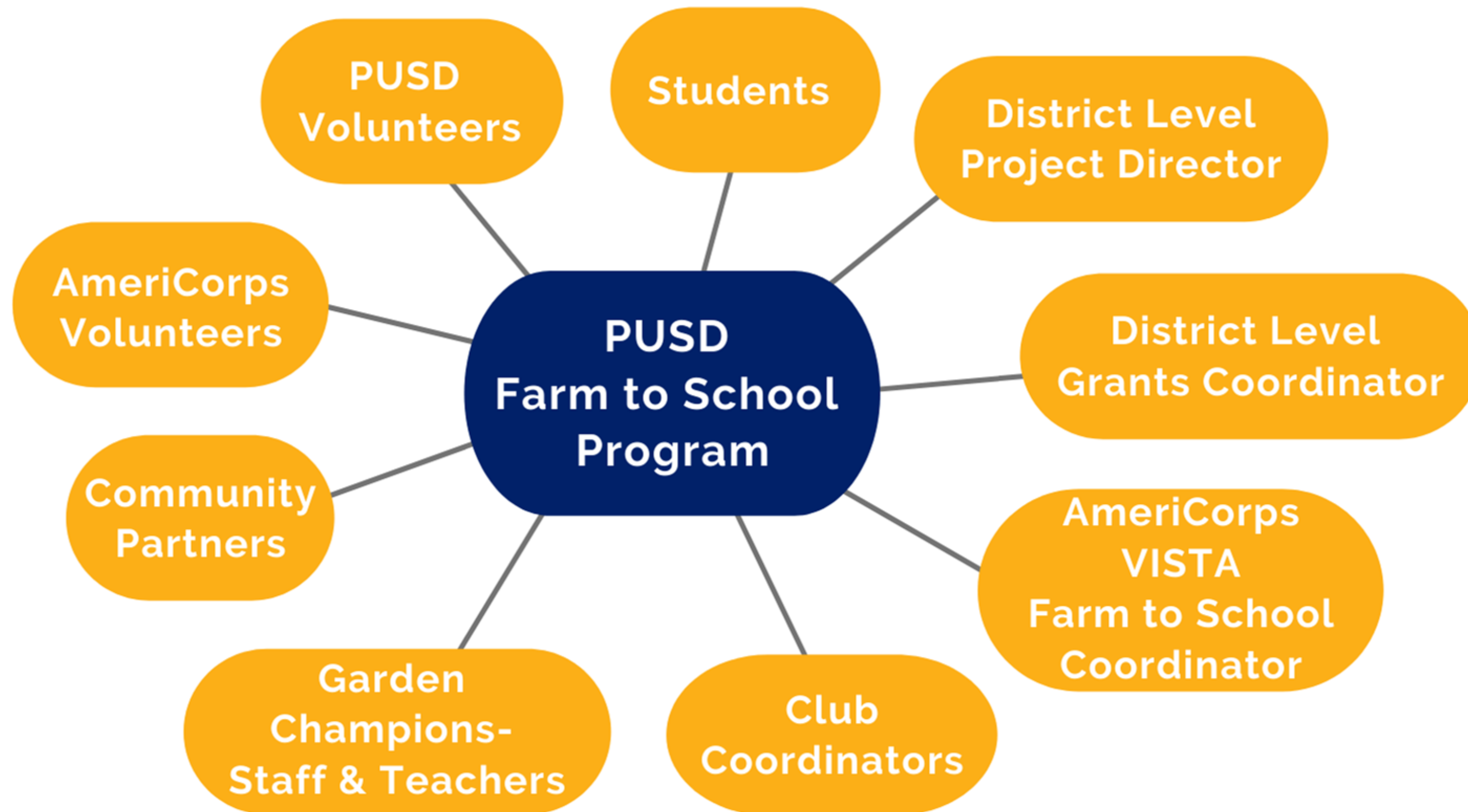


Community Partnerships

- ★ Yavapai County Community Health Services
 - SNAP Education Program
- ★ U of A Yavapai Cooperative Extension
- ★ Prescott Farmers Market
- ★ Prescott Community Nature Center
- ★ Arizona Serve of Prescott College
- ★ Prescott Highlands Center for Natural History



F2S Program Structure



Classroom & Garden Club Success

- **New Garden Clubs**
- **New, restored, and expanded school gardens at every school in the Prescott Unified School District**
- **Introduced Junior Master Gardener Curriculum**
- **Comfortable and safe outdoor learning space for our teachers and students during this pandemic**



Road to School Garden Certification

AZ Dept. of Health Services

1. Schedule a preliminary inspection to determine if the location of your school garden is worth certifying
2. Complete an application
3. Create a map of your garden
4. Create a Food Safety Plan
5. Additional approval for rainwater harvesting & composting
 1. Schedule a final site visit
 2. Recertify yearly



Past & Future Events

- **Past Event:**

- **In-person Taste Testing Events hosted by YCCHS, the Prescott Farmers Market, and Sprouts grocery store**

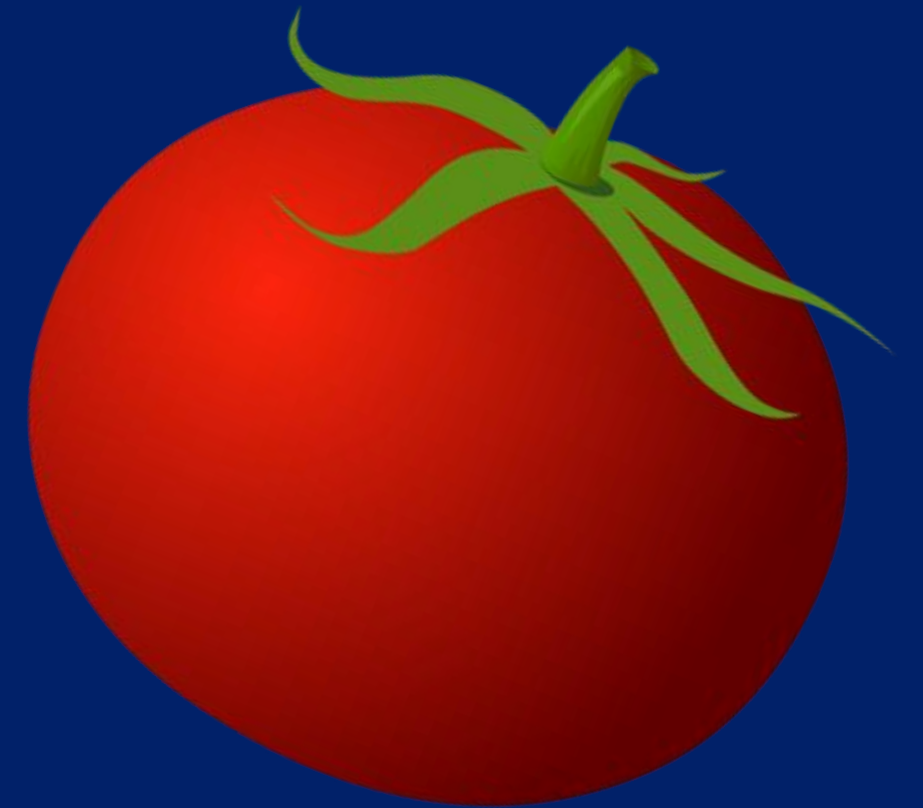
- **Future Events:**

- **Prescott Farmers Market Pop-up event at Lincoln Elementary School**
- **Field Trips to local farms and the new Prescott Farmers Market Composting Center**
- **Local Farmer Guest Speakers**



Adjustments made during COVID-19

- Take-Home Taste Tests
- Garden Safety Precautions
 - Reduced # of students in the garden
 - Enhanced hand washing and produce cleaning infrastructure
- Home Gardening Kits
- Virtual Garden Clubs
- AmeriCorps Garden Education Video Series
- Increased Engagement from AmeriCorps members
- Increased availability of free, live and recorded workshops and webinars for our teachers' professional development



Sustaining our Program

- **Strengthen Community Partnerships**
- **AmeriCorps Garden Champion Internship Opportunities**
- **Volunteer Recruitment**
- **Invite more and more teachers to use and take care of the gardens!**
- **Sustainability Binders**
- **Annual Garden Party Professional Development for Garden Champions**
- **Incorporate the gardens into structured class time**
- **Involve students in the problem-solving process**
- **Permanent Farm to School or Outdoor Education Coordinator position**



Recommended Resources

- **USDA Farm to School Grant Program Resources**

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<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cfs/resources-farm-school-grant-program-applicants>

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/f2s/F2S-Planning-Kit.pdf>

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFNS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USFNS_118

- **School Garden Certification Resources**

Contact sara.reveile@prescottschools.com to receive a PDF of Lincoln's Food Safety Plan

- **Junior Master Gardener Curriculum**

<https://jmgkids.us/>

- **U of A Yavapai Cooperative Extension Resources**

<https://extension.arizona.edu/yavapai>

- **YCCHS SNAP-Education Program**

<https://www.yavapai.us/chs/health-ed>

- **Arizona Serve - AmeriCorps**

<http://arizonaserve.org/>



Q & A

Thank you for listening!



We are all in this together!

Additional Resources from Prescott USD!

In the News:

<https://www.dcourier.com/news/2020/apr/18/pUSD-offers-virtual-gardening-lessons-food-demos-d/>

Virtual Garden Club (sample):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ALAprl26no>

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Upcoming Opportunities:

- February 17th with Joseph City USD
- March 17th – TBD
- April 21st -- TBD

Register: <https://bit.ly/AZSchoolGardens>

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