

Washington State Farm to School Network Launch Summit Results

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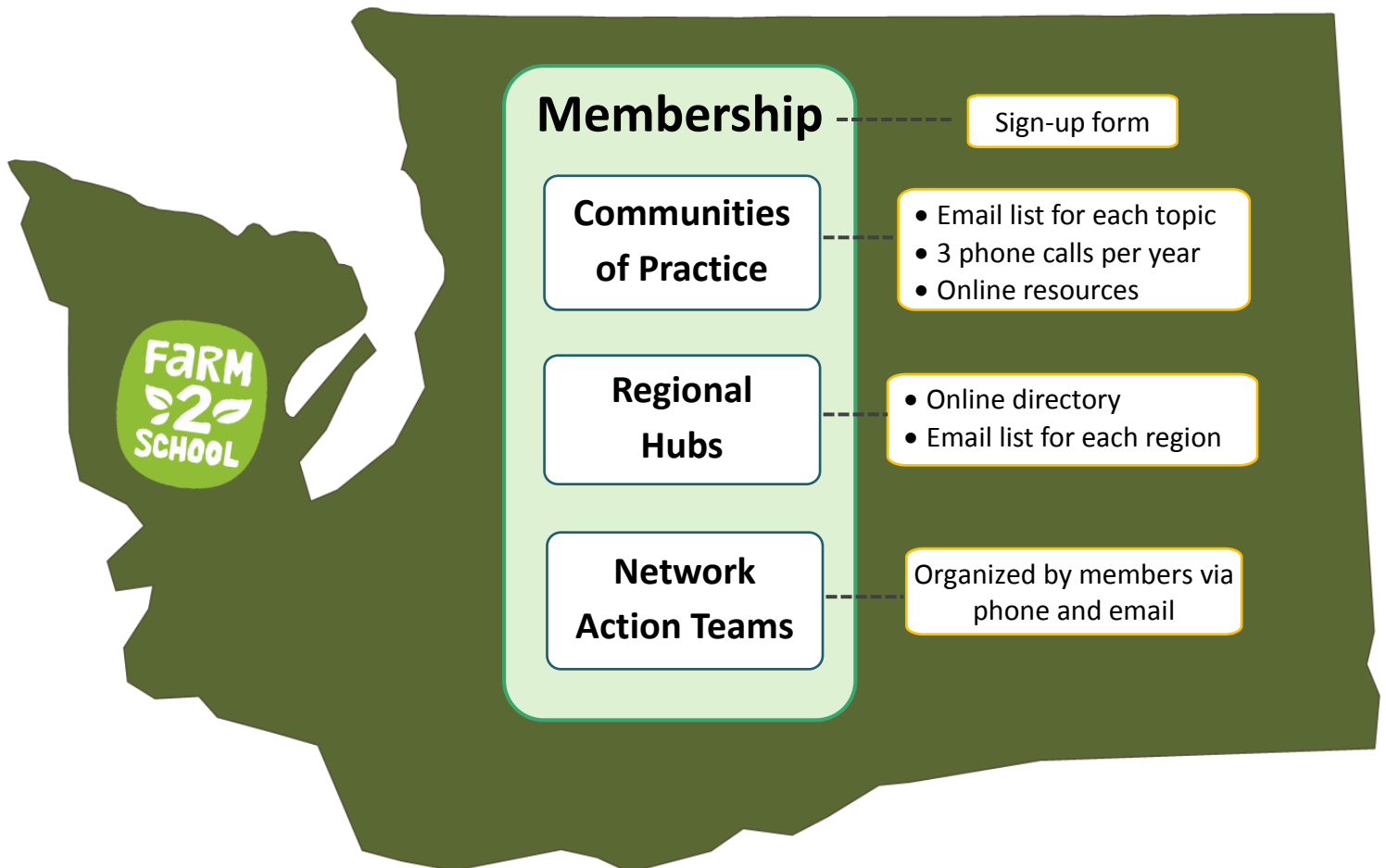
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Washington State Farm to School Network Functions At-a-Glance



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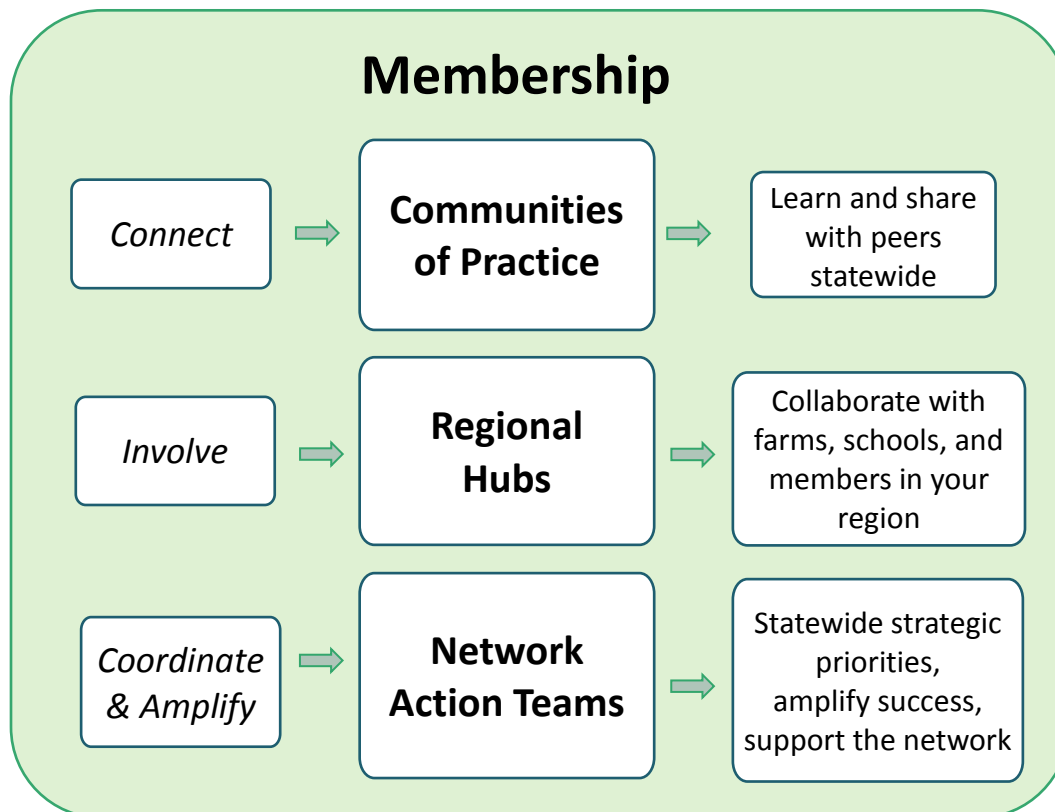
Purpose and Structure

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The purpose of the Network is to grow farm to school (F2S) activity in Washington State. The Network will achieve this by connecting practitioners to learn from each other, create and share resources, set common goals, and amplify the impacts of farm to school for all communities in Washington while advancing racial and social equity and addressing disparities in access to the benefits of farm to school.

Overall goal: Grow farm to school in Washington State

- ✓ **Connect** practitioners to partner and learn from each other
- ✓ **Involve** more and different people and organizations
- ✓ **Coordinate** how we work together to reach common goals
- ✓ **Amplify** the impacts of farm to school and expand equity and access



Communities of Practice are ways to learn and share about specific topics with your peers across the state:

- Local food sourcing
- School gardens & farm-based learning
- Food & agriculture education
- Farm to ECE

Each community is organized through:

- ✓ **Statewide phone call** on each topic every three months
- ✓ **Email list** for each topic
- ✓ **Online resources** for each topic

Regional Hubs organize the state into six regions to find out who's doing what in your area and collaborate with members in:

- NW Washington
- Central Washington
- Eastern Washington
- SE Washington
- SW Washington
- King & Pierce Counties

Hubs are connected through:

- ✓ **Online directory** of members organized by region
- ✓ **Email list** for each region

Network Action Teams support the network, members, and work towards our strategic priorities. The teams are:

- Network Coordination
- Metrics & Evaluation
- Storytelling & Communications
- Advocacy

Network Action Teams:

- ✓ Are organized by members
- ✓ Meet via conference call or stay connected on email as needed to move work forward

Strategic Priorities for the Washington State Farm to School Network

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Local Food Sourcing

Goal: Increase the amount of local, Washington produced foods purchased and served by K-12 schools.

Strategic Priority: Increase collaboration and dialogue between farms and schools



School Gardens and Farm-based Learning

Goal: Support school gardens and farms in every school.

Strategic Priority: Develop or collect resources on school garden sustainability models and funding



Food & Agriculture Education

Goal: Increase student understanding of where food comes from through education about food, agriculture, and nutrition.

Strategic Priority: Implement Harvest of the Month activities across the state with resources for classroom, cafeteria, and the community to promote local food



Farm to Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Goal: Increase the number of early childhood education programs incorporating farm to school.

Strategic Priority: Raise awareness of Farm to ECE among ECE providers

Network Action Teams for the Washington State Farm to School Network

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The four Network Action Teams carry out the direct work of the Network. Network Action Teams provide logistical and administrative support to ensure coordinated progress towards our shared goals and strategic priorities. The teams will also explore how to employ an equity lens in their activities.

Network Coordination

Some members signed up for specific tasks, and others for overall work on the team, reflected below.

Members: Steve Crider, Kent Getzin, Laura Lewis, Tori Sorenson, Marcia Wagner

Activities:

Develop a plan for member outreach and engagement by region and sector	Zvi Bar-Chaim, Maddy Halvorson, Nayiri Haroutunian, Maren Neldam, Kelly Okumura, Mallorie Shellmer
Keep learning from existing network models to adapt to our network functions	Nayiri Haroutunian, Cheryl Thornton
Develop a plan for engaging community partners for funding	Jim Baird
Plan for a 6 month re-convening of the network	Mallorie Shellmer
Launch Summit group	
Research and set-up website, communication tools, listservs, and call schedule	
Explore succession planning for 2019 and beyond	

Metrics & Evaluation

Members: Laura Plaut, Bianca Smith, Mardi Solomon, Leika Suzumura, Ele Watts

Activities: Evaluate existing research on F2S in our state, identify new needs for data collection; develop 1-5 new research questions for inclusion in OSPI's administrative review process (which could provide a flow of data every 3 years from every district)

Story-telling and Communications

Members: Marjorie Bell/Rachel Sacco, Lindsey Danner, Patrick Durgan, Deanna Elliot, Patrick Garmong, Maddy Halvorson, Chris Iberle, Denice Kwate, Maren Neldam, Kristine Perry, Amanda Rosales, Bianca Smith, Marcia Wagner

Activities: Create a system/format for Network members to share their highlights (or lowlights); provide support for members on how to develop compelling stories; and create a distribution plan to share this information

Advocacy

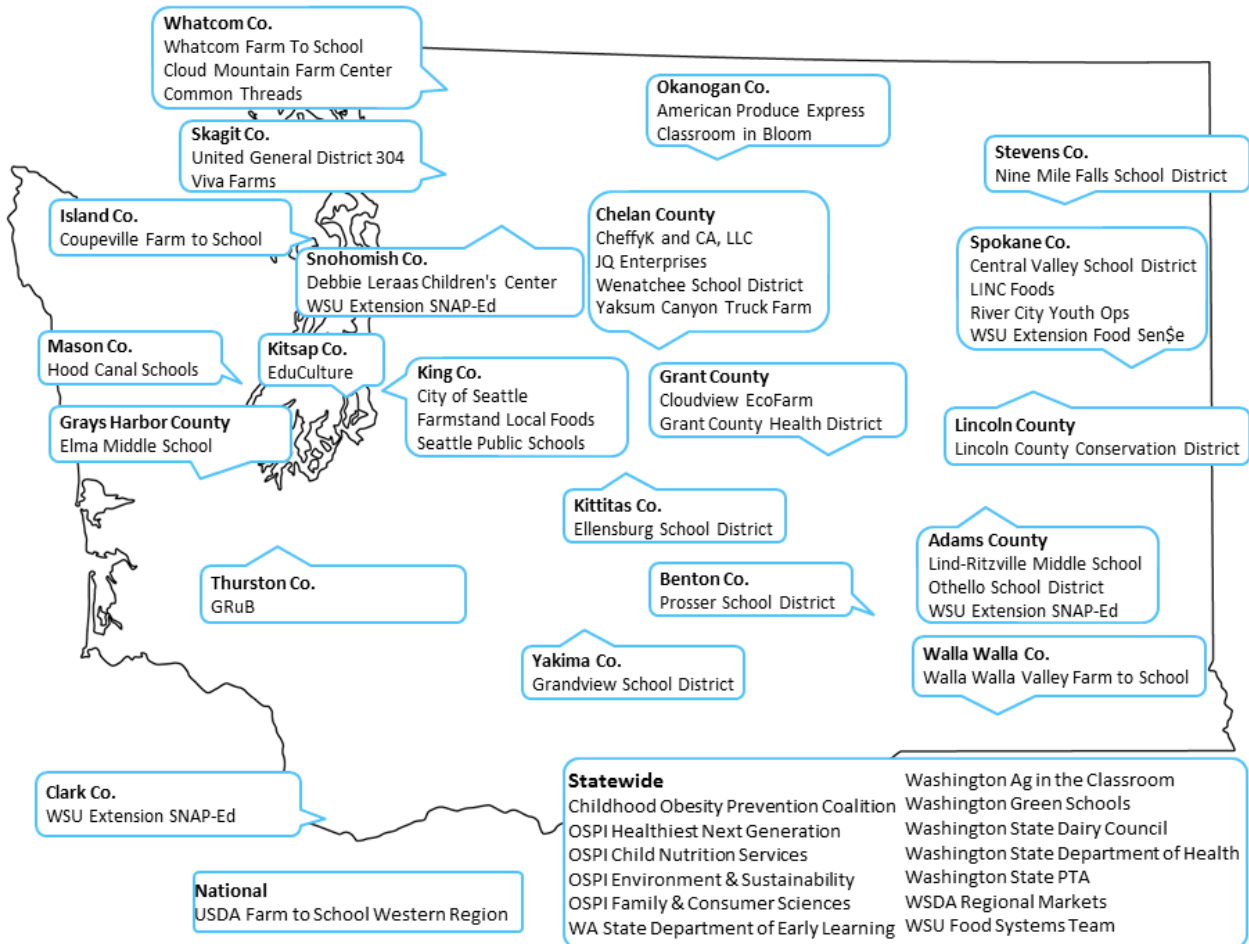
Members: Chris Benson, Steve Crider, Brian Estes, Patrick Garmong, Carrie Glover, Mikki Kison, Amanda Klindworth, Laura Plaut, Marcia Wagner

Activities: Increase visibility of the F2S Network by ensuring representation at regional and state superintendent, principal, FSD meetings; develop a toolkit for members, local individuals, and groups to advocate locally

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Washington State Farm to School Network Regions

