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August has to be the most cherished month of the summer season in New England. It's the perfect time to savor the long hot days with fall looming just around the corner, enjoy the warmer ocean waters, and indulge in the abundance of local produce available at farm stands and markets across the region. August is also a special time for our Grow Education program. It is when we are able to bring school teachers from New Bedford, and new this year Westport Public Schools, together for professional development at the beautiful and serene Round the Bend Farm in South Dartmouth! What a great way to kick off the school year communing with nature and learning about organic gardening - with the intention of bringing this knowledge back to student's classrooms. See "What's Growing On" below for more information about Grow Education's approach to creating a culture of health and building resilient communities.



such a great message - pretty much sums up what these hard-working educators do on a daily basis and why we love them for it! **Biological Medicine Certification Course Now Enrolling!** by Katie Mannix, BioMed Programs Manager



ever for providers working in a variety of health-related fields to incorporate BioMed methodologies and technologies into their practice. This hybrid course, taught by Dr. Dickson Thom, DDS, ND, includes four online lectures, online assig supporting resources, and an in-person weekend intensive training. Providers have the choice to attend the in-person training at one of two premiere BioMed Centers: the BioMed Center New England in Providence, RI (October 2022) or the BioMed Center Scottsdale (April 2023). **Biological Medicine for Practitioners*** *Required pre-requisite: Introduction to Biological Medicine



be offered for providers and technicians at these live training events. To learn more and to register, visit bit.ly/biomedcertcourse. Interested in sharing this information with a member of your health care team? We can help. To receive resources you can share, please email

transform their practice. Providers are encouraged to share in the learning by

enrolling additional members of their team at a discounted rate. Separate tracks will



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Before I started working with Grow Education and caring for the garden beds across

Weather and climate were also a hot topic during recent Professional Development

"What's Growin' On?" August updates from Grow Education

New Bedford, I paid little attention to the weather unless I was planning a beach day or an event. But now, and especially during a drought, checking the weather forecasts are always top of mind. Like farmers across our region, Grow Education has been working hard this summer to keep the school gardens across the city in good condition and productive. Our FoodCorps members have been steadfast in cultivating, watering, and harvesting them for the wider summer school communities and neighborhoods.







• Identifying and increasing storage and refrigerator spaces for food relief in our region, which includes Bristol, Norfolk, and Plymouth counties. Many of our subsequent priorities ultimately rely on the need for this type of supporting

 Fostering community support for food advocacy and a regional food system. through several educational campaigns that stress the importance of buying local, nutritional security, supporting farmers and farmland, understanding the true cost of food, and how this all contributes to a healthier economy,

Grounded in the research and outcomes of the 2021 Southcoast Food System

and its associated working groups (Policy, Food Access, Education and

strategic Plan of Action to guide our short and long-term goals.

Our short-term goals will focus on:

Assessment, the Southcoast Food Policy Council's Community Advisory Board (CAB)

Communication, and Capacity Building) have been diligently working on creating a

environment, and society. Increase fresh, local foods in food pantries and reduce food waste through the creation of a gleaning program for Southeastern, MA. There are many long-term goals, but for simplicity's sake, we will highlight the policy

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campaigns we are following and advocating for. <<< Click here to read the full



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