**Durham's Innovative Nutrition Education Program** 

## DINE CHILDCARE

DINE is a team of Registered Dietitians (RDs), who teach interactive nutrition and cooking classes, promote healthy messaging, and partner with sites to help facilitate environmental changes that encourage healthy choices.

2022-2023 DINE childcare programming resulted in...

Preschoolers in Durham received nutrition education in...



Genildere programs 50 classrooms 162

Due to DINE programming, 80-90% of Childcare Program Directors said their preschoolers...



- were talking more about healthy foods
- had increased consumption or willingness to try healthy foods

DINE supported Durham's smallest learners by exposing them to more outdoor learning and classes in gardens, all while introducing them to new foods such as...

pumpkin dip

apple rings

homemade salsa

beet salad

"soil" yogurt parfaits vegetable "bugs"

sugar snap peas & dip

"rainbow" vegetable pizza

DINE continued to support childcare programs during 2022-2023 by enhancing the environment where children play, learn and eat.

## Policy, Systems & Environmental Changes

at

childcare programs

reached

346

preschoolers

**19** environmental changes



**5** 

systems changes



1

policy change



- improved outdoor play areas with new play equipment
- 7 new or reinvigorated gardens
- 6 curriculums changed to include gardening as part of learning
- 3 programs with increased time for kids to be active during the day
- programs sending home gardengrown produce with families and resources to garden at home
- 1 nutrition policy
- updated menu for school meals with fewer sugary drinks, more protein and vegetables
- display promoting fruits and veggies

## **A DINE Success**

facilitate a vaccination clinic providing flu vaccinations and other health services at a local childcare program with UNC Health's Mobile Clinic.



social marketing campaign reached

432

preschoolers through



- community events
- take-home water bottles
- calendars











