

Integrating Farmer Needs into Childcare Solutions

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Learn about out the unique challenges farmers face in accessing affordable quality childcare. This interactive breakout session will include an overview of national USDA and CDC funded research findings examining how access to childcare and health insurance affects farm economic development, child farm safety, and farm family quality of life. We'll discuss the types of solutions farmers identified, new tools to assist farmers and communities with childcare solutions, and collectively develop strategies you can use to effectively engage farmers and community members in developing childcare solutions.

Session Goals

Participants attending this session will:

- Gain new knowledge and learn how childcare and health insurance are farm risk management issues that can affect America's food, fiber, and fuel supply.
- Understand how access to affordable quality health care, health insurance and childcare affect the farm enterprise, farm economic development, farm stress, farm safety, and farm family quality of life.
- Learn about innovative tools communities can use in developing childcare solutions that include farmers, and tools that can assist farmers with childcare health care, and health insurance decision making.



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Dr. Shoshanah Inwood, is an associate professor and rural sociologist at The Ohio State University Her integrated research and extension program is funded by USDA and CDC and employs both qualitative and quantitative methods to understand: 1) economic and community development through food and agriculture, 2) the ways in which access to affordable high-quality childcare, health care and health insurance affect economic development and quality of life in the agriculture sector, and 3) food system resilience in disasters and disruptions.

Inwood was a Faculty Fellow with the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) and led the 2023 NCRCRD Caregiving Across the Life Course Survey.