



Program Agenda

**“Pioneering a movement,
growing community”**

**Please note agenda is subject to change*

Monday, January 13

1:00-3:00 p.m.	Early Registration and Farm Tours at Prospect Meadows Farm <u>East</u>
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Break/Shuttle to Prospect Meadow Farm West
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Farm Tours at Prospect Meadow Farm <u>West</u>
5:00-6:00 p.m.	CFN Welcome and Origin of Prospect Meadow with Shawn Robinson from ServiceNet
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner Reception at Prospect Meadows Farm

Tuesday, January 14

- 7:30-8:45 a.m. **Registration at 1st Floor UMass Campus Center**
- 8:00-8:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. **Welcoming & Keynote, Woody Woodroof, Red Wiggler Community Farm**
- 10:30-11:00 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00-Noon **Breakout Session #1**

1A	Care Farming Employment Models
1B	What's New in Care Farming Research? Exploring the Latest Findings and Impacts
1C	Integrating Animal-Assisted Interventions in Care Farming: Licensed Therapy and Therapeutic Practices
1D	Residential Housing & Life-Sharing Communities on Care Farms
1E	Exploring Community Care Farm Models: Structures, Opportunities, and Challenges

- Noon-1:30 p.m. **Lunch: Themed Table discussions** (Noon-12:45)
A panel of care farm participants with lived experience will talk about their experience working on a care farm and the benefits (12:45-1:30 PM)
- 1:30-1:45 p.m. **Break**
- 1:45-2:45 p.m. **Breakout Session #2**

2A	Resource Exchange: Best Practices for Matching Farm Tasks to Individual Abilities
2B	Innovative Growing Methods: Aquaponics & Hydroponics on Care Farms
2C	Resource Exchange: Building Successful Partnerships and Community Engagement Strategies
2D	Preventing Burnout in Care Farming: Balancing Mission and Daily Challenges
2E	Deep Dive w/ ServiceNet's Prospect Meadow Care Farm

2:45–3:15 p.m.

Lightning Sessions and Break

3:15–4:15 p.m.

Breakout Session #3

3A	Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned—What I Wish I Knew Before Starting a Care Farm
3B	Resource Exchange: Training for Inclusive Work with Neurodivergent Employees
3C	Resource Exchange: Innovative Fundraising Strategies—Case Studies in Capital Campaigns, Crowdsourcing, and Securing State Funding
3D	Discussion: Measuring the Impact of Care Farming
3E	Deep Dive with Gould Farm: A Therapeutic Community That Promotes Recovery For People With Mental Health and Related Challenges

4:15–4:30 p.m.

Break

4:30–6:00 p.m.

Happy Hour and Networking

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Dinner

Wednesday, January 15

8:00-8:45 a.m. **Breakfast at 1st Floor UMass Campus Center**

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Breakout Session #4**

4A	Managing Conflict and Emotions on the Farm: Practical Strategies for De-escalation and Co-Regulation
4B	Navigating Employment and Disability Benefits in Care Farming: Wages & DSS Money for Individuals with I/DD
4C	Practical Tools for Vegetable Farming: Insights from Red Wiggler Community Farm
4D	Measuring Success: Program and Outcomes Evaluation for Care Farming
4E	Deep Dive with R.O.O.T.S at Evergreen Grove: Exploring Animal-Assisted Interventions in Care Farming

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30-11:45 a.m. **Community Building: Cohort Conversations for Care Farmers**

11:45-Noon **Closing**

Noon **Grab and Go Lunch**