

HISTORY OF CARE FARMING NETWORK

1996: RED WIGGLER CARE FARM WAS FOUNDED

Red Wiggler is a sustainable care farm located in Germantown, Maryland, where individuals with and without disabilities unite to collaborate, educate, and cultivate nutritious food.



2018 -2021: CFN TAKES ROOT

Red Wiggler partnered with Future Harvest CASA to produce the first Mid-Atlantic Care Farming Summit and launched regional outreach to care farms. They also led the Social Care Farming Track at the Farm-Based Education Network Conference, spotlighting care farming on a national stage.

2021-2022 CFN OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED

The Care Farm Directory was developed as a dynamic tool to showcase care farms across the country and foster new connections. As interest in the movement grew, so did the CFN team—expanding our capacity to serve the community. A virtual launch event welcomed care farmers from across the nation, celebrating this milestone and strengthening the network of care farm pioneers.



2023-2025 PIONEERING A MOVEMENT

CFN expands its reach by hosting webinars, Beginning Care Farming Virtual Series, in-person meetups, and farm tours, and by growing its online Resource Library. Mentorship Program is developed and the first-ever Care Farming Network National Conference draws 170+ attendees. Membership grows to more than 300 care farms!