

# Community Connectors Action Plan

Based on the member survey results, the Community Connectors identified several areas of need within the Kids Garden Community and the broader youth garden movement. Throughout the year, the Community Connectors have been and will continue to take collaborative action to address these needs.

Area of Need	Action Steps
<b>More connection and localized support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are preparing to pilot a regional subgroup model within the Community. This pilot will be for the Northeast region.</li> <li>We will put out a call for all members to share with us their go-to resources, organizations, and networks within their state. This will be compiled and posted on the Community.</li> </ul>
<b>More support for high school aged and pre-k/toddler aged kids</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are compiling a list of recommended resources for these age groups.</li> <li>We are planning to hold a Community Chat/focus group for members working with these age groups in September.</li> </ul>
<b>More support for non-school settings</b>	<i>TBD</i>
<b>Increase the diversity of Kids Garden Community membership and more support for leaders of color</b>	<i>TBD</i>
<b>More support for advocacy and professional development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are creating a page on the Kids Garden Community to list professional development opportunities.</li> <li>We are planning a fall Community Chat on the topic of youth garden advocacy.</li> </ul>
<b>Greater awareness of the existing Kids Garden Community features</b>	<i>TBD</i>
<b>Support for topic areas of interest such as herbalism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are planning a virtual event around the topic of herbalism.</li> </ul>
<b>Improved process for sharing seeds between Kids Garden Community members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be sharing an improved process for seed sharing that includes better utilizing the Seed Saving and Exchanging subgroup and a new seed exchanging spreadsheet.</li> </ul>