



NSLP 2018

June is National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month.

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) team kicked off National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month by attending a ribbon cutting ceremony with one of our very own NSLP participants. White River Regional Juvenile Detention Center (White River) invited our team, and Emily English with Arkansas Farm to School, to be part of the ceremony. This intimate ceremony celebrated their brand-new gardening program.

White River serves young men and women in Northcentral Arkansas. These residents at White River are from 67 counties across Arkansas. The residents all come to White River with different knowledge, and experiences in gardening. Some of their residents have never seen a garden in bloom, or tasted fresh produce. This inspired the staff at White River to begin a gardening program. The residents assisted in building two garden boxes. The residents are able plant and identify a variety of vegetables and herbs.

The start of summer is the perfect time for this celebration, as the growing season is in full swing, and an abundance of produce is in peak season. With so many fresh options this time of year, this is a perfect time to add fresh fruit and vegetables to your diet, and a garden to your facility or home. This also perfect time to visit your local farmer's market, stand, or support local farmers at your community grocery store.



White River Regional Juvenile Detention Center Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



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