



## Child Nutrition & Wellness

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[www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), Summer Food Service Program, What's New

### **Kansans CAN and Did!**

Kansas Sponsors served 60,000 more meals in Summer 2017 to bring the summer meal total to over 1,328,000 meals! Thanks to the hard work of Kansas Summer Food Service Program Sponsors and Partners *Kansans CAN* and did increase access to healthy meals during the summer.

### **Be Recognized for your Summer 2017 Success**

Apply for a Child Nutrition & Wellness Kansans CAN 2017-18 Best Practice Award. The Kansas State Board of Education has a new vision: Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. This new vision for education calls for a more child focused system that provides support and resources for individual success and will require everyone to work together to make it a reality. The academic achievement and physical well-being of our students in Kansas today will impact the success of our communities, our state and the nation in the future. The good health that results from good nutrition and physical activity, and the learning that is possible as a result, is primary among those tools. The purpose of this program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in Child Nutrition & Wellness Programs in Kansas that support the Kansans CAN vision. There are many outstanding child nutrition programs in Kansas. We encourage you and your staff to make nominations for outstanding and/or innovative practices for recognition of your efforts.

A nomination entry form is available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), Summer Food Service Program, What's New. **Nominations are due to the Child Nutrition & Wellness office on or before June 30, 2018.** Winners will be notified by July 31 and presentations will be made at the August State Board of Education meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact the Child Nutrition & Wellness team at (785) 296-2276 if we can be of assistance with this process. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the Kansans CAN Best Practice Awards with you at the August 2018 State Board of Education Meeting.

### **2018 Team Up for Summer Success**

Team Up for Summer Success will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 in Topeka at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. The workshop will provide customized technical assistance and sessions highlighting best practices. Team Up participants will develop personalized goals, strategies, and an action plan focusing on the areas of financial management and outreach that will assist with the administration of the Summer Food Service Program. To attend, please RSVP to Sarah Bruschi by February 5 at [sbruschi@ksde.org](mailto:sbruschi@ksde.org) or 785-296-2276. Details will be provided via email after registration. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **KN-CLAIM Upgrade – New Registration Process**

The upgraded KN-CLAIM system was released on August 10. To access KN-CLAIM, a new registration process through Common Authentication is required. A Quick Reference Guide for Accessing KN-CLAIM is available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), Summer Food Service Program, What's New. On-line tutorials will be available soon to assist in learning how to navigate the new KN-CLAIM at <https://learning.ksde.org/login/index.php>. CNW will be conducting webinars this spring to assist Sponsors with the new registration process and navigating Summer 2018 program renewal.

### **Webinar – Recruiting and Retaining Summer Meal Program Sites**

This webinar is hosted by the Food Research and Action Center on January 4, 2018 at 12:00 PM. Retaining experienced sponsors and sites is an important strategy for maintaining community Summer Nutrition Programs year after year. State agencies and advocates can work with community partners to recruit and strengthen the number of sites serving summer meals and give them the support they need to stay involved. Learn about best practices, training and communication strategies to increase the number of sites and sponsors engaged and participating, as well as strategies to support and mentor new ones. To register, go to [http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5118/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=87148](http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5118/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=87148).

### **Walmart Community Grant Program**

Walmart associates are proud to support the needs of their communities by providing grants to local organizations. If there is a Walmart in your community, then you will not want to miss this opportunity! The 2017 grant cycle began February 1, 2017 and the application **deadline to apply is December 31, 2017**. For more information, go to <http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>.

### **New! Summer Meals Text Number**

FNS is kicking off a new text number for Summer 2018! Households can **text “Summer Meals” to 97779** to find Summer meal sites once the site finder is ready for this summer.

### **New! The Food from Farms: Toolkit for Direct Purchasing of Local Food**

Are you interested in purchasing local food for your summer meals but don't know where to start? Check out The Food from Farms: Toolkit for Direct Purchasing of Local Food to find examples and templates to start community-based local food procurement directly from farmers. The toolkit was originally developed for a small school district in northern Minnesota, and was designed to comply with USDA guidelines. The toolkit is adaptable and is a helpful resource to assist Sponsors who want to begin the process of learning about how to incorporate more local food into the Summer Food Service Program.

**Childhood hunger knows no season, although we may think of the Summer Food Service Program as “seasonal”. We know that Kansas Sponsors and Partners are innovative, passionate and working hard to end summer hunger year round. Child Nutrition & Wellness appreciates all your efforts during this holiday season as well as every day to end childhood hunger. We are looking forward to working with Sponsors and Partners in 2018. Thank you for all that you do. Happy Holidays!**

**Kelly, Cheryl, and Mark**