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Welcome to Summer 2018!
The Child Nutrition & Wellness Team hopes that 2018 is off to a great start for all of you! Warm temperatures last week have made it a little easier to get into the summer mindset. Join CNW in welcoming Summer 2018 by making plans to attend the 2018 Team Up for Summer Food Service Success workshop and attending the 2018 Kick-Off webinars.

KSDE continues to plan for Summer 2018 and your feedback is needed. Please notify Kelly Chanay at kchanay@ksde.org by February 10 if your summer plans are significantly different than last year – more sites, fewer sites, more days, fewer days, more children, fewer children, not participating.

2018 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Administrative Training
Information about required Administrative Training will be provided in the February update.

2018 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Kick-Off Webinars
CNW is excited to announce a series of one-hour SFSP Kick-Off webinars for 2018! Stay tuned for more information in the February update and plan now to participate in all of the webinars.

- March 1, 2:00 pm: Kick-Off Webinar – New SFSP Resources & Updates
- March 13, 2:00 pm: Outreach Best Practices Webinar
- April 10, 2:00 pm: Navigating the New KN-CLAIM System
- April 24, 2:00 pm: SFSP Best Practices From the Field
- TBA: What to Expect When you are Inspected – Webinar presented by Kansas Department of Agriculture and Child Nutrition & Wellness

Team Up for Summer Food Service Program Success – Don’t Miss This Opportunity!
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. Representatives from the USDA Mountain Plains Regional Office will be in attendance and participants will have the opportunity to hear updates from USDA staff and ask important questions. To attend, please RSVP to Sarah Bruschi by February 5 at sbruschi@ksde.org or 785-296-2276. Details will be provided via email after registration. We look forward to seeing you there!

SFSP 01-2018 Market Basket Analysis When Procuring Program Goods and Modifying Contracted-For Product Lists
This USDA policy memo provides guidance and Q&As regarding market basket analysis. Market basket analysis is a procurement process that can be used by program operators to evaluate bids/proposals to a solicitation for awarding a contract. This policy memo provides clarity to ensure the evaluation and award process is compliant with Federal procurement standards.
Microsoft Office in Child Nutrition Programs
Make Microsoft Office work for you! KSDE will offer Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint in Child Nutrition Programs classes at three locations in April, June, and August. Excel will be offered from 8:30 am-11:30 am and Word and PowerPoint from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm. Learn how Microsoft Office can help you save time by streamlining and increasing efficiency in Child Nutrition Program operations. An added bonus will be that technical assistance for program renewal in the Summer Food Service Program (April dates), School Nutrition Program (June dates), and Child & Adult Care Food Program (August dates) will be available by a Child Nutrition & Wellness consultant at each location. Registration information will be available soon at www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, Training.

Summer Meals Texting Hotline: Update and Data Reports
No Kid Hungry will continue a national texting hotline to provide information about summer meals sites to children and families in 2018. Beginning in late May, children and families can text ‘FOOD’ or ‘COMIDA’ to 877-877 to receive information about meal service sites in their area. Last month CNW announced USDA 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. Households now have two options that can be used to locate summer meal service sites in addition to KSDE’s Locate a Site Near You at www.kn-eat.org, SFSP!

Farm to Plate Goals for 2018
The Office of Community Food Systems’ (OCFS) long-term vision is for every child, in every Child Nutrition Program, to have access to local food, every day. It is a popular practice to make resolutions at the start of a new year. 2018 goals may relate to increasing local foods in Summer Food Service Program, methods to use to engage more agricultural producers and establish partnerships within communities, or enhancing the local economy by supporting local producers.

To share goals, visions, and ideas to increase the use of American agriculture goods – and possibly be featured in an upcoming E-letter, contact farmtoschool@fns.usda.gov.

1.5 Million Meal Challenge
This spring Child Nutrition & Wellness will continue the successful “ONE MORE” campaign to meet or surpass the goal of serving 1.5 Million Meals in 2018! The “ONE MORE” campaign encourages Sponsors of Summer Food Service Programs to take the challenge to:

- Offer one more meal
- Operate one more week
- Add one more day of meal service
- Incorporate one more activity
- Collaborate with one more partner to increase access

CNW challenges Sponsors to consider creative approaches to increasing access to summer meals. No matter how big or small efforts may be, they can help Kansas reach the 1.5 million meal mark. Let’s do this!

Kelly, Cheryl, and Mark