



## Child Nutrition & Wellness

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Summer Food Service Program, What's New*

### Summer Food Service Program Numbers

The 2018 Kansas Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is off to a great start! As of June 12, 177 sponsors and 680 sites have been approved to operate.

### Lunch Across Kansas – Keep the SFSP Momentum Going!

May and June Kick-off events set the stage for summer, but it's important to keep that momentum going! Keeping the community engaged and coming back to sites week after week is essential to summer success. Having "Spike Events", similar to kick-off events, to re-engage the community and remind families of the importance and availability of summer meals can ensure that you reach all the children in your community in need of healthy meals! **July 2018 has been designated Lunch Across Kansas.** Make sure that your program participates in Lunch Across Kansas (LAK). This summer a goal of providing meals and snacks to 500,000 Kansas kids during the month of July has been set! Historically, site attendance drops off after July 4. Take advantage of community events surrounding Independence Day and make a plug for summer meals at parades and neighborhood BBQs! Kansas Appleseed can assist with highlighting what sponsors are doing across the state to participate in Lunch Across Kansas. Please share with Kansas Appleseed by emailing Christina Ostmeier at [costmeyer@kansasappleseed.org](mailto:costmeyer@kansasappleseed.org), so Kansas Appleseed can help amplify efforts.

### National Summer Learning Day is July 12<sup>th</sup>

National Summer Learning Day provides an ideal opportunity to partner with libraries, schools, and community organizations to incorporate fun learning opportunities into the Summer Food Service Program not only on July 12, but all month long. For more information on National Summer Learning Day, go to <https://www.summerlearning.org/summer-learning-day/>.

### Nutrition Education Activity Guide – Coming Soon!

Child Nutrition & Wellness is pleased to announce that all Sponsors will be mailed a Nutrition Education & Activity Guide. This fun and innovative guide can assist with incorporating fun and interactive nutrition education activities at SFSP meal service sites! We encourage you to use this guide to plan a nutrition education activity on National Summer Learning Day!

### Resource from the Shawnee County Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

The 2018 *Shawnee County Summer Food Service Program Activity Guide* assists any SFSP sites with implementing simple and low cost activities to promote literacy and physical health at summer meal sites. For copies of these resources, go to <https://unitedwaytopeka.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Summer-2018-Activity-Guide-reduced-size-for-web.pdf>.

### Summer Food Service Program Spotlight – USD 308 Hutchinson

Jennifer Tatro, Food Service Director at USD 308 Hutchinson uses innovation and creativity throughout the school year and summer. Jennifer supports the community by incorporating local foods in the Summer Food Service Program and School Nutrition Programs. Summer menus feature locally grown watermelon from Smith's Market, fresh ground beef from Jackson's Meat, and milk from a local dairy (processed by Hiland). During the school year, Hutchinson schools use a 60/40 white wheat flour blend from Hudson Cream Flour to make rolls, buns and cinnamon rolls. The use of local products has made a significant increase in student acceptability.

### **SFSP Reimbursement Claim Submission Deadlines**

- May claim by 7/30/18
- June claim by 8/29/18

### **“One More” Year of Success!**

Summer 2018 has already topped projections for sponsor and sites operating SFSP sites – thank you for pledging “One More” to reach out to new communities, new neighborhoods, new organizations, and new partners! Along with record breaking temperatures summer 2018 is looking to be another record breaking summer for serving meals!

**Kelly, Cheryl and Mark**