



## Child Nutrition & Wellness

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Summer Food Service Program, What's New

### **2019 Team Up for Summer Success – Save the Date!**

Team Up for Summer Success will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in Topeka at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Watch for details in December.

### **2018 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Best Practice Awards**

The 2018 Summer Food Service Program has drawn to a close and the efforts of Kansas Sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program are appreciated. Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) would like to recognize the hard work of individuals and organizations working to increase access to meals during the summer. Nominations are being accepted in the following Best Practice Awards categories: 1) Best Outreach Efforts, 2) Volunteer of the Year, 3) Summer Champion, 4) Best Site Programming, 5) Innovative Approach to Increase Access, and 6) Incorporation of Local Foods. KSDE will also present an award to the Sponsor with the Greatest Increase in Meals Served. All award winners will be invited to present during the 2019 SFSP Best Practice Webinar to kick off the 2019 Summer Food Service Program. 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 Kelly Chanay at [kchanay@ksde.org](mailto:kchanay@ksde.org) by December 14, 2018.**

### **Hunger Action Summits – Save the Date!**

Nearly 15% of Kansas households lack consistent access to food. To eliminate hunger in our state, Kansans would need an additional \$185,071,000 in their combined household budgets. By helping more Kansas kids participate in school meals and other Child Nutrition Programs, YOUR actions can reduce hunger in Kansas. Make plans to join Kansas Appleseed on **Monday, December 10 in Hays OR Friday, January 25 in Topeka** for an engaging workshop to learn how you can make an impact in your community. More details coming soon. Contact Joey Hentzler ([jhentzler@kansasappleseed.org](mailto:jhentzler@kansasappleseed.org)) at Kansas Appleseed with any questions.

### **Recruiting Summer Meal Volunteers**

Volunteers can play an integral role in growing the capacity of the Summer Food Service Program. Whether it is serving meals, leading activities at sites, or getting the word out – a volunteer network that is reliable and efficient is crucial. This call will feature different volunteer sources (AmeriCorps, faith-based, students) and will provide helpful tips for volunteer recruitment, training, and sustainability. Join the Food Research & Action Center for this conference call on December 6, 2018 at 12:00 PM, CST. Register at: <https://frac.salsalabs.org/may2018afterschoolmealsmatterconferencecallcopy1copy3/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=22fe5989-59b3-492f-9ad9-5f3ab45bc045>

**Thank you for all that you do!**

***“Appreciation is a wonderful thing.  
It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.”  
~ Voltaire***