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Wrapping Up Summer 2019

Summer meal programs rely on innovation and collaboration to reach children who need good nutrition when school is out of session. Congratulations and thanks to each Kansas SFSP Sponsor for a successful summer!

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reimbursement Claim Submission Deadlines

- June claim by 8/29/19
- July claim by 9/28/19
- August claim by 10/29/19

Mountain Plains Crunch Off - Wednesday, October 16

Kansas Department of Education, Child Nutrition & Wellness is joining schools, preschools, nonprofits and local food enthusiasts in celebrating Farm to Plate Month by competing in a nine-State Crunch Off competition! Kansas is competing against other states in the Mountain Plains region, which consists of Colorado, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. The state that has the most crunches into local apples or produce per capita will be crowned the Mountain Plains Region Crunch Champion. Join us on Wednesday, October 16 by crunching on a fresh apple. Register your team to participate in the Crunch Off at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K8GHSSN. Each group that registers will get a link to a toolkit with books, recipes, and outreach ideas. This Crunch event encourages healthy eating, supports local agriculture and helps students and community members gain a deeper understanding of the food system. Help Kansas win the Crunch crown by joining our Crunch event!

New Resources from Share Our Strength

Summer Mobile Meals Case Studies

The Center for Best Practices recently published three case studies as part of a newly-updated Mobile Meals Toolkit. These case studies highlight best practices and lessons learned from program sponsors in Seaford School District (DE), Garrett County Public Schools (MD), and Food for People (CA). Thanks to each of these sponsors for sharing their stories.

Summer Meals at Healthcare Facilities

The Center for Best Practices has updated case studies featuring healthcare facilities that provide summer meals at their facilities. Highlighted facilities include:

- Arkansas Children's Hospital: 336-bed pediatric facility located in Little Rock, Arkansas
- Atrium Health University City: 130-bed acute care facility in Charlotte, North Carolina
- <u>Medical University of South Carolina</u>: Comprehensive academic medical facility with 750 beds, trauma and cancer centers, and a children's hospital
- <u>Presbyterian Healthcare Services</u>: Network provider with 981 beds across nine hospital facilities serving residents of New Mexico
- <u>University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center</u>: 1,036-bed academic medical center in downtown Cleveland, Ohio

Sunflower Spotlight

Social Innovations Laboratory received a Kansans CAN 2018-2019 Best Practice Award for Innovative Meal Pattern Strategies at the Kansas State Board of Education meeting on August 13. That Pop-Up Restaurant in Strong City is a popular Summer Food Service Program site that offers buildable reimbursable meals. Congratulations to Social Innovations Laboratory for their vision and creativity in increasing access to meals when school is not in session!

Kansans CAN - Fill the Gap by Offering Year-Round Meal Services

Schools across Kansas are gearing up for the new school year and thanks to all the hard work of Kansas Sponsors children are returning to school equipped with healthy bodies and minds. Help students make the grade this school year by serving At-Risk Afterschool Meals to school-aged children in lower income areas. Qualified sites providing educational or enrichment activities after the end of the school day, on weekends, or on holidays during the school year can receive reimbursement at the free rate for all meals/snacks that are served. Interested in learning more? Contact Jill Ladd at iladd@ksde.org, or Laura Hodgson at lhodgson@ksde.org, or call 785-296-2276.

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