

Monthly Update

Summer Food Service Program



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Summer Food Service Program, What's New

What is your Vision for Summer 2020?

As 2019 nears an end, the Child Nutrition & Wellness CNW is already starting to plan for Summer 2020! Your feedback and input are needed. Please notify Jill Ladd at jladd@ksde.org by January 31 if your summer plans are significantly different than last year – more sites, fewer sites, more days, fewer days, more children, fewer children, or if not participating.

2020 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Administrative Training

Watch for information about required Administrative Training in the January Update.

Small but Mighty Steps to Serve 1.5 Million Meals

Kansas Sponsors served 55,283 more meals in Summer 2019 to bring the summer meal total to over 1,469,000 meals! CNW challenges Sponsors to consider creative approaches to increasing summer meal participation in 2020. No matter how big or small efforts may be, they can help Kansas reach the 1.5 million meal mark in 2020!

Hunger Action Summits

Join Kansas Appleseed to learn and gain tools for fighting hunger, building grassroots power, and having an impact in your community. Whether it's helping more kids participate in school meals and other Child Nutrition Programs, removing barriers to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and more, your action can reduce hunger in Kansas.

- **Garden City** - Friday, January 17, 10 am-2 pm
Finney County Public Library, 605 E Walnut St, Garden City, KS 67846
RSVP [here](#).
- **Pittsburg** - Thursday, January 23, 10 am-2 pm
Pittsburg Public Library, 308 N Walnut, Pittsburg, KS 66762
RSVP [here](#).
- **Wichita** - Saturday, February 8, 10 am-2 pm
Rhatigan Student Center, Room 233, 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita, KS 67260
RSVP [here](#).

Scholarships Available for the National Child Nutrition Conference

Apply today for the opportunity to join over 1,700 attendees at the premier training and networking event for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and Afterschool Meals community. The conference will be held April 14-16, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta in Atlanta, GA. [Apply now](#).

Updated: No Kid Hungry Averaged Eligibility Map

The [No Kid Hungry Averaged Eligibility Map](#) has been updated with FY20 census data! It is now ready to be used for Summer 2020 planning.



Register Now for No Kid Hungry's 2020 Rural Child Hunger Summit

Make plans to join No Kid Hungry for the second Rural Child Hunger Summit, which will take place March 31-April 1, 2020 in Columbus, Ohio. This national event will bring together a wide range of stakeholders to explore the disparities driving child hunger in rural communities; identify promising practices and policy levers that reduce the incidence of rural child hunger; celebrate innovations that are user-centered and evidence-informed; and foster connections between communities of research and practice. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Engaging Community Partners in Summer Meals Planning for the New Year

The first installment of No Kid Hungry's 2020 "School's Out, Food's In" summer meals webinar series will highlight effective strategies for community partner engagement as well as practical recommendations for developing and implementing a plan to improve and/or expand your program. Hear from experts who draw from their own experience to highlight keys to success and be sure to bring your own questions and ideas to share during interactive Q & A sessions. [Click here to register](#) for the January 21 webinar that will be held from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm CST.

The Test Kitchen

Last summer No Kid Hungry tested [four ideas](#) that they thought might increase access to summer meals. Experimentation at the local level was not only successful; it also helped identify program improvements and strategies that have the potential to improve user experience nationally. But they're just getting started. No Kid Hungry is looking for four more organizations to work with them this summer to test concepts that respond to the following question: ***How might we ensure that more kids in rural communities have access to food in the summer?*** View the [Request for Proposals](#). Selected organizations will meet at an in-person training in April, and receive technical assistance and \$10,000 to pilot their idea. To apply, organizations should submit a proposal that explains the idea they would like to test and how this new strategy or program might ensure that more kids in rural communities receive meals in the summer. Proposals must be submitted to innovation@strength.org by January 10.

Sunflower Spotlight

The Sponsor listed below is featured as a Sunflower Spotlight at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Recognition.

A Kansas SFSP Sponsor, **Social Innovations Laboratory**, is featured in the No Kid Hungry [2019 Hunger Innovation Report](#) examining attitudes toward innovation and documenting bold ideas that are working to connect more kids with healthy meals. The Report showcases Social Innovation Laboratory's pop-up restaurant concept to offer summer meals.

Child Nutrition & Wellness Kansans CAN 2019-20 Best Practice Awards

The purpose of the best practice awards program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in Child Nutrition & Wellness Programs in Kansas that support the Kansas State Board of Education's Kansans CAN vision. **There were many outstanding Summer Food Service Programs in Kansas in Summer 2019.** 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, Summer Food Service Program, What's New. **Nominations are due to the Child Nutrition & Wellness office on or before June 30, 2020.** 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 2020 State Board of Education Meeting.

Wishes for a happy and healthy 2020! Happy New Year!

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