



Child Nutrition & Wellness

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Sent by listserv to SFSP Sponsors and posted at
www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, What's New

Congratulations to the 2018 Summer Food Service Program Best Practice Award Winners!

- Implementation of Local Foods - USD 309 Nickerson-South Hutchison
- Volunteerism - USD 258 Humboldt and Columbus Area Churches
- Outreach - USD 483 Recreation Commission
- SFSP Champion - Greg Brown, USD 366 Woodson
- Best Site Programming - USD 260 Derby
- Innovative Approach to Increase Access - USD 260 Derby

Watch for upcoming Monthly Updates with Sunflower Spotlights featuring these Best Practice Award Winners.

2019 SFSP Program Renewal

All program renewal forms, instructions and guidance are available at www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, Administration, Program Renewal (Program Renewal is in the drop-down list when you hover over Administration). **Meals cannot be claimed until all program renewal documents are approved by KSDE.**

SFSP Administrative Training

Online SFSP Administrative Training is now available through the KSDE Training Portal, <https://learning.ksde.org/>. Completion of the online training meets the annual SFSP training requirement.

Summer Meals Texting Hotlines and Meal Site Maps

- No Kid Hungry will continue a national texting hotline to provide information about summer meals sites to children and families in 2019. Children and families can text 'FOOD' or 'COMIDA' to 877-877 to receive information about meal service sites in their area.
- USDA will offer the following resources for families: Households can **text "Summer Meals" to 97779**, call 1-866-348-6479 to find Summer meal sites or go to the USDA 2019 Summer Meal Site Finder at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>.
- KSDE's site finder: Locate a Site Near You at www.kn-eat.org, SFSP.

Training Needs Assessment

Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) works to develop training that is most needed at times when it is convenient for people to participate. KSDE would like your input on training that works for you. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STVSZG8> and complete the short survey (less than 5 minutes to complete).

Kansas Farm Fresh Fridays Challenge

Celebrate Kansas farmers and local foods by participating in an initiative to unify the success of our farms, children and SFSP Sponsors. Registration is open to all SFSP Sponsors. Pledge to offer a meal consisting of at least two 'locally sourced' menu items at least one Friday per month at one or more serving sites. Once registered, you will have access to the KS Farm Fresh Fridays Marketing Kit. Take the challenge at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTMMXKR>.

July is Lunch Across Kansas!

In Kansas, the average daily Summer Food Service Program participation is much lower in July than in June, but the need for the program is just as high. Kansas State Department of Education and Kansas Appleseed partner to sponsor Lunch Across Kansas (LAK) Month, which encourages program sponsors to host events and activities to raise awareness and increase participation in July. Additionally, the enrichment activities that sites offer can help prevent “summer slide”, so kids are ready to learn when they return to school. Drive participation by hosting a special event featuring activities, special programming, or extra outreach and marketing, such as:

- Social media posts about the program
- Email blasts to partners and community members
- Post flyers in places people will see them (ask store managers if you can put them by the mirrors or stalls in bathrooms!)
- Share information on community marquees or signs

Share pictures of LAK events and promotions with Kansas Appleseed by emailing Christina Ostmeyer at costmeyer@kansasappleseed.org. Kansas Appleseed will post LAK events at www.kansasappleseed.org/lunch-across-kansas.

KSDE Summer Meals PSA

KSDE has developed a Public Service Announcement that can play on TVs or Computer Screens in schools, WIC clinics, Doctor’s Offices, County Health Departments, Community Centers or anywhere families go in the summer! Find the PSA at <https://youtu.be/Ongglchh6zU>. Celebrate and promote summer meals in your community!

July 3-8, 2019 is National Summer Learning Week

Events during the summer help sustain the enthusiasm to keep participation high! Make plans to celebrate Summer Meals by planning events during National Summer Learning Week. Check out the great resources to use during National Summer Learning Week or all summer long at <https://www.summerlearning.org/summer-learning-week/>.

USDA Team Nutrition Summer Food, Summer Moves Resource Kit

A resource kit for summer meal site operators, which includes an Operator Activity Guide with nutrition education activities and kid-friendly recipes, 7 educational posters, 6 types of promotional fliers (150 fliers), 25 activity placemats, and 6 different educational activity guides for families (150 educational handouts). To order: <https://pueblo.gpo.gov/TN/TNPubs.php?PubID=15083>

KSDE Nutrition Education & Activity Guide

This fun and innovative guide can assist with incorporating interactive nutrition education activities at SFSP meal service sites! Contact Sarah Bruschi at sbruschi@ksde.org to receive the electronic version of this resource.

SFSP Webinar, What to Expect When You Are Inspected – Coming Soon

Did you miss the Summer Food Service Program webinar on What to Expect When You Are Inspected? A recording of the webinar will be available soon on the KSDE Training Portal at <https://learning.ksde.org/>.

Food Safety Tip of the Month

Did you know...fresh fruits and vegetables should be rinsed just before serving them or cutting them? Rinse fresh produce, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten, under clean running water. Exceptions are packaged produce, labeled “ready-to-eat” or “triple-washed” which have already been rinsed and dried and should not be rinsed again. Copy and paste the following link into the address bar of your browser to download the Partnership for Food Safety Education poster, “Fight Bac Like a Produce Pro” at http://www.fightbac.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/ConsumerFact_Sheet1.pdf.

Child Nutrition & Wellness KANSANS CAN 2018-19 Best Practice Awards

The Kansas State Board of Education has a new vision: Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. This new vision for education calls for a more child focused system that provides support and resources for individual success and will require everyone to work together to make it a reality. The academic achievement and physical well-being of our students in Kansas today will impact the success of our communities, our state and the nation in the future. The good health that results from good nutrition and physical activity, and the learning that is made possible as a result, is primary among those tools.

The purpose of this program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in Child Nutrition & Wellness Programs in Kansas that support the Kansans CAN vision. There are many outstanding child nutrition programs in Kansas. 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, SFSP, What's New. **Nominations are due to the Child Nutrition & Wellness office on or before June 30, 2019.** 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 2019 State Board of Education Meeting.

Blast Off with 2019 Kick-Off Events and Spike Events

Kick-off and spike events are a great way to build awareness among families and create excitement around Summer Meals! Please share with CNW your plans for kick-off and spike events this summer by emailing Kelly Chanay at kchanay@ksde.org.