

Monthly Update



Summer Food Service Program

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

2019 Summer Food Service Program Numbers

Kansas Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors served **1,469,112** meals – inching closer to the 1.5 million goal! This was an increase over last year – way to go SFSP Sponsors!

USDA: Fiscal Year 2020 CACFP & SFSP Area Eligibility Data Now Available

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has announced that the 2020 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) participant Area Eligibility data are now available. FNS [mapping tools](#) have also been updated to reflect the new data. The data set is also available for download on FNS' [open data site](#). To learn more about using census data for establishing area eligibility for CACFP and SFSP Area Eligibility, please consult this related [policy memorandum](#). *Please note that the map works best when opened in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.*

USDA: Updated Guidance on Meal Service During Unanticipated School Closures

The USDA released a [memorandum](#) to provide updated guidance on the child nutrition program flexibilities available during unanticipated school closures. USDA determined that a previous memorandum, which allowed meals to be served at school sites without requiring submission of individual waivers for USDA approval, is not fully consistent with Section 12(l) waiver requirements of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act ("NSLA"), 42 U.S.C. 1760(1). KSDE will request a state-wide waiver from USDA to reinstate this flexibility for SFSP sponsors in Kansas.

Hunger Innovation Report

This fall, No Kid Hungry released the [2019 Hunger Innovation Report](#), examining attitudes toward innovation and documenting bold ideas that are working to connect more kids with healthy meals. Through a national survey, No Kid Hungry heard from nearly 200 food banks, school districts, local governments, and private companies. The Report is proof that successful models already exist that can be built on and adapted to end hunger in every community.

FRAC: Summer Meals Matter Webinar – Public Housing Partners and Summer Meals

Thursday, December 5 at 12pm CST. Public housing authorities are a natural summer meals partner. They can help promote the availability of summer meals and even serve them on site where children congregate. Join this 30-minute-deep-dive webinar on how housing partners are supporting summer meals and strategies for engaging them. [Register here.](#)



Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants Program.

The [Home Depot Foundation](#) offers [grant awards](#) up to \$5,000 to 501c designated organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services and are required to be completed within six months of approval date. Deadline: December 31, 2019.

2019 SFSP Waivers

Thank you to the more than 70 Sponsors who provided information quantifying the impact these four 2019 SFSP Waivers had on their SFSP:

- Closed Enrolled Sites to use income eligibility applications to determine site eligibility to allow sponsors to operate closed enrolled sites in areas where at least 50% of children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP);
- Meals Service Time restrictions to allow sponsors to schedule meal service times that align with community activity programs;
- First Week Site Visit requirements for returning sites that operated successfully during the previous summer; and
- Allow non-school sponsors ability to use Offer Versus Serve.

Your quick response to the information request has made it possible for KSDE to provide complete data and an analysis of the waivers impact in the 2019 SFSP Waiver Final Report. The information does support the continuation of the flexibilities, so KSDE will apply for these same four waivers for Summer 2020.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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