

# Monthly Update

## Summer Food Service Program



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### **2020 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Program Renewal**

Program Renewal will be available in KN-CLAIM after March 16, 2020. Make plans to participate in a SFSP Renewal Webinar on March 17 at 2:00 pm. Join at <https://meet.lync.com/ksde/jladd/y2417qg1>. Program renewal documents are due by **May 1, 2020**. Reimbursement claims cannot be processed until all program renewal documents are approved by KSDE.

**Note:** The Program Renewal Webinar is not a replacement for the required SFSP Administrative Training.

### **2020 SFSP Administrative Training**

SFSP Administrative Training is scheduled for nine regional locations. Sponsors must take administrative training prior to being approved for participating in the SFSP for 2020. Registration will soon be available at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), KN-CLAIM, Training Tab.

- April 13 – Girard, 1 pm-4 pm
- April 14 – Kansas City, 9 am-12 pm
- April 16 – Salina, 9 am-12 pm
- April 22 – Haysville, 9 am-12 pm
- April 23 – Emporia, 1 pm-4 pm
- April 28 – Manhattan, 1 pm-4 pm
- April 28 – Topeka, 1 pm-4 pm
- April 28 – Garden City, 2 pm-5 pm
- April 30 – Oakley, 1 pm-4 pm

KSDE will also be offering two webinars in April if sponsors are unable to attend an in-person training. Watch for webinar details in the March update.

### **No Kid Hungry Funding Opportunities**

Evidence from previous SFSP pilots seems to indicate that [serving adult meals](#) and [providing activities or programming at sites](#) may be two strategies that can increase participation and improve the user experience for kids and their families. This summer, No Kid Hungry is looking for up to ten pilot partners to help put these strategies to the test. Partners selected for either pilot will receive up to \$10,000 and technical assistance from No Kid Hungry's Program Innovation Team to plan and pilot their idea. To be eligible, organizations must be summer meal sponsors in good standing with their state agencies and be able to implement their idea in summer 2020.

### **Adult Meals:**

Many families would like to eat together, but child nutrition programs like the SFSP can make it hard for families who rely on these meals to do so. Even though adult meals are not federally reimbursable, No Kid Hungry has heard that adult meals could improve the program experience for families and sponsors. Do you have an innovative idea for how summer meals might be different if designed to serve children and adults? [Submit a proposal to test your idea!](#)



### Activities and Programming:

Many summer sites pair meals with activities for kids. That is not new; however, No Kid Hungry thinks there is more to learn about how this work impacts participation and the summer meal experience when sites function as spaces designed to meet the broader needs of low-income families. Do you have an idea for launching or improving programming at a summer site? [Submit a proposal to test your idea this summer!](#)

To be considered for either pilot, organizations must submit a complete proposal by **March 2, 2020**. Organizations are welcome to apply for both pilots. Questions? Contact No Kid Hungry at [innovation@strength.org](mailto:innovation@strength.org).

### Farm to Summer

Take the Kansas Farm to Summer Pledge! Summer meals are a great time to use locally sourced products. During the week of June 22-26, 2020, SFSP sponsors are encouraged to serve a minimum of one local food, host at least one food educational activity and share their Farm to Summer Week Challenge success at #fuelingskids. Sign up now at the Farm Fresh Friday Challenge link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTMMXKR> to be registered to receive challenge materials.

### Farm to Summer: Incorporating Local Foods into Your Summer Meals Menus Webinar

Summertime is ripe for the fresh fruits and veggies that kids love. How can you liven up your summer menus with local foods without exceeding your budget? This webinar will cover all of the logistics of working with local growers, from communication and procurement to meal preparation and service. Learn from a seasoned pro who has been cultivating relationships with local farmers and incorporating local foods onto her menus for years. Join the Webinar on Tuesday, February 18 at 1:00-2:00 pm. Register at: [https://strength.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2eAT0eq4QfqmloRr62JvDw](https://strength.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2eAT0eq4QfqmloRr62JvDw)

### Strategies to Improve the Summer Meals Experience for Kids and Families

The summer meals program is a lifeline for kids in need, but it fails to reach many of the kids who could benefit from program participation. Join [No Kid Hungry](#) for a conversation about how to improve the summer meals experience for kids and families through adopting creative strategies and family-centric approaches on March 18 at 1:00 pm.

### 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.

You are the **HEART** of the Summer Food Service Program. CNW is looking forward to another great Summer Food Service Program. Kansans CAN serve over 1.5 million meals in Summer 2020!

Heartfelt thanks to each of you! Happy Valentine's Day!

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