

Monthly Update



Summer Food Service Program

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Summer Food Service Program, What's New

Welcome to Summer 2020!

The Child Nutrition & Wellness Team hopes that 2020 is off to a great start for all of you. KSDE continues to plan for Summer 2020 and your feedback is needed. Please notify Jill Ladd at jladd@ksde.org by February 7 if your summer plans are significantly different than last year – more sites, fewer sites, more days, fewer days, more children, fewer children, not participating, etc.

2020 Summer Food Service Program Administrative Training and Program Renewal Webinar

Information will be provided about the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) renewal webinar and required Administration Training in the February update.

Summer Food Service Program Serving Safe Summer Meals Webinar

As requested, a one-hour food safety webinar for program staff and volunteers involved in summer meal programs will be offered on Wednesday, May 13 at 2:00 pm. The session on food safety may be attended live through Skype on the day of the event. The session will be recorded and made available on demand for ongoing access throughout the summer. The link to join the live webinar is <https://meet.lync.com/ksde/cljohnson/FJGPC0H8>.

Proposed Rule: Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the SFSP

This rule proposes to codify aspects of waivers and flexibilities which the Secretary has previously approved for certain SFSP operators and which have been proven to increase efficiency while promoting program integrity. This rule also proposes changes to streamline SFSP operation and reduce redundancy for both State agencies and SFSP operators. All SFSP Sponsors are encouraged to read the Proposed Rule at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FNS-2019-0034-0001>. Submit comments by March 23, 2020:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Send comments to Andrea Farmer, Chief, Community Meals Branch, Policy and Program Development Division, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Meal Service During Unanticipated School Closures – KSDE Waiver Approved by USDA

KSDE requested a statewide waiver of the SFSP requirements of Section 13(c)(l) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1760(c)(l)) codified at 7 CFR 225.6(d)(l)(iv), which would allow the State to approve the operation of SFSP meal service at school sites during unanticipated school closures. Pursuant to the waiver authority granted at section 12(1) of the NSLA, USDA approved KSDE's waiver request through April 30, 2022. KSDE may now approve school sites in good standing to serve meals during unanticipated school closures unless doing so would present a safety concern. If you have questions or to serve meals during an unanticipated school closure, please contact your KSDE consultant or the Topeka office.



2020 SFSP Waivers – Awaiting USDA Decision

KSDE has applied for four 2020 SFSP Waivers. SFSP Sponsors will be notified as soon as we receive notification from USDA if they are approved for Summer 2020:

- Allow Closed Enrolled Sites to use area eligibility (at least 50% of children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program) to determine site eligibility;
- Remove Meals Service Time restrictions to allow sponsors to schedule meal service times that align with community activity programs;
- Remove 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.

Take the Farm Fresh Friday Challenge for Summer 2020

Reminder – you can sign up for the Fresh Friday Challenge anytime through June 2020. An additional Farm to Summer Week promotion will also be coming in June 2020. Watch for additional details in the coming months. Plan now to serve at least two 'locally sourced' menu items at least once a month! Join the challenge now at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTMMXKR> and receive a KS Farm Fresh Fridays Marketing Kit!

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

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? Join Share Our Strength on Tuesday, February 18 from 1:00-2:00 pm for a webinar that 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. Register at https://strength.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2eAT0eq4QfqmloRr62JvDw.

Planning for Summer 2020?

Here are three action steps summer meal program sponsors can take in January to set the stage for success:

- Start budget, menu, and staff planning using [No Kid Hungry Financial Management resources](#).
- Discuss plans for large-capacity projects, such as mobile vehicles. Refer to the [No Kid Hungry Mobile Meals Toolkit](#) for guidance.
- Begin [site recruitment](#) based on established program goals.

Looking to add capacity for your summer meals program?

No Kid Hungry's Youth Ambassadors can help! Summer meals sponsors can apply for two college interns to work full-time for a total of 10 weeks during summer 2020. Youth Ambassadors can assist with program outreach, operations, technical support, and more! Interested organizations will need to submit an [Online Application](#). The application includes creating a work plan and a short-list of potential locations in which to recruit the Youth Ambassadors, as we rely on you to support recruitment at the local level if your application is approved. The deadline to [apply](#) is **February 5, 2020**. If you have any questions regarding the program or the application process, please contact Riya Rahman at rrahman@strength.org.



Hunger Action Summit

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.

- **Wichita** - Saturday, February 8, 10 am-2 pm
Rhatigan Student Center, Room 233, 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita, KS 67260
RSVP [here](#).

What is Your Vision to Make the 1.5 Million Meals Goal a Reality in 2020?

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 ensure Kansas kids have access to nutritious meals when school is not in session! We look forward to working with you to reach and exceed the 1.5 million meal mark in 2020!

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