



Summer Food Service Program



Bulletin

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Subject: USDA Policy Memos and Information

USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

Additional Topics:

- USDA Turnip the Beet Awards (*attachments*)
- 2016 Debrief Survey Reminder
- Alaska Local Lunch Day
- Upcoming Webinars & Conference Calls

Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

Additional Topics

- **USDA Turnip the Beet Awards: High Quality Meals in the Summer Meal Programs**
The Turnip the Beet Award, by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. The award is open to all sponsors. There are three award levels available: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Sponsors of SFSP and the NSLP's SSO are eligible to apply. Sponsors can submit a self-nomination or be nominated by another party.

See overview and nomination form attachments for more information. Please let EED know if you plan on submitting a nomination **by October 7, 2016.**
- **2016 SFSP Debrief Survey Reminder**
Summer 2016 was another win for the books. We gained 6 new sponsors in 5 different communities! Please take a few moments to provide feedback and share your experiences, ideas for improvement, training needs, etc. Any information provided is helpful. You can find the survey [here](#). **Please complete by October 7th!**

- **Alaska Local Lunch Day October 24th**

Is your program participating in Local Lunch Day on October 24th in celebration of Food Day by serving a food item that was grown or harvested in Alaska? If yes, you could receive the special prize of a Sunkist Sectionizer (valued at \$250.00).



Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJ887HL> and complete the survey **by November 30, 2016** to have your agency or school's name entered into the drawing.

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- **Upcoming SFSP Webinars & Conference Calls**

- **Share Our Strength – Enhance Your School Meals with the Smart Food Planner, Thursday, September 29th, 10:00AM AST**
Need help finding healthy food and beverage options that meet students' taste preferences and are also in alignment with your school's budget? Let the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's NEW [Smart Food Planner](#) be your go-to resource for sample menus and recipes for School Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, Summer Meals, and Snacks. Join Share Our Strength and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation as we host a joint webinar to learn about this one-of-a-kind interactive tool. Learn how to easily access interactive sample menus and recipes via the enhanced product search feature, and find out how to submit your favorite menu plan or recipe on the site. The Smart Food Planner also provides the latest information on upcoming trainings, nutrition hot topics and breaking news.
- **FRAC – Making Breakfast Work in the Summer, Thursday, October 6th, 9:00AM AST**
Breakfast is the most important meal of the day — even during the summer! Hear from sponsors and sites that have taken advantage of the opportunity to serve two meals a day during the summer and how they have made breakfast work for them. Tips and tricks for implementing and expanding breakfast meal service will be explored. Sponsors also will share how adding another meal has made their program more financially viable.
- **USDA – How to use Data in the CACFP and SFSP, Thursday, October 13th, 10:00AM AST**
Please join the FNS National Office as they give demonstrations of the suite of mapping (GIS) tools built for both SFSP and CACFP participants, operators, partners and State agencies. Webinar participants will also learn how to access these tools and data as well as be given strategies for analyzing these data. This session will include the lessons learned about development of the tools and time for questions.

To participate in the webinar on Thursday, October 13, 2016: Please click on the link below a few minutes prior to the scheduled start of the webinar and follow the instructions (you may have to download a program to access the webinar):

<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/g54jvf1zxa5v&eom>

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Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
WRO – Western Region Office
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
FNSRO-Food & Nut. Services Reg. Office
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
EED – Education & Early Development
DEC – Department of Conservation
LEA – Local Education Agency



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