

Monthly Update



Summer Food Service Program

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Welcome to the 2024 Summer Food Service Program!

The above average temperatures that Kansas has been experiencing certainly helps get us all into a “summer state of mind”! CNW is resuming the monthly posting of updates specific to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Please read each monthly update as important reminders and policy updates will be provided. This month’s update includes information about 2024 SFSP roll-out and training. Please notify Emily Bonilla at ebonilla@ksde.org as soon as possible if your summer plans are significantly different than last year – not participating, more sites, fewer sites, more days, fewer days, more children, fewer children, etc.

Town Hall Thursday at 2 on March 21

Agenda items for the March Town Hall include Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) renewal training and administrative updates. Join the meeting on March 21 at 2:00 pm at this link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/87204779621?pwd=NEhrcHloRjBobGtOZTJEWfJtR0tUQT09>
Meeting ID: 872 0477 9621. Passcode: 746337

Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) 2024

Summer meal programs are designed to fill the nutrition gap that occurs in summer and make sure children can get the nutritious meals they need. Many sites provide not just meals, but educational, enrichment and recreational activities that help children continue to learn and stay safe when school is not in session. Summer meals act as a “magnet” to draw children to activities and activities draw children to summer meals. Meals can be served at a variety of locations, including schools, camps, parks, recreation centers, YMCAs, Head Start Centers, Community Action Agencies, Boys and Girls Clubs...and many other places.

Now is the time to sign up or renew as a summer meals Sponsor. For questions about the SFSP or the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Nutrition Program (SNP) Sponsors only, a Summer 2024 Comparison Chart has been developed to assist Sponsors to explain options and is posted at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SFSP, SFSP What’s New. Contact our office at 785-296-2276 or your area KSDE child nutrition consultant to discuss options for Summer 2024. SFSP applications are due May 1. See the following for Summer Food Service Program training opportunities.

SFSP Administrative Training – March 27

Are you planning to offer meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) this summer? If so, join KSDE on Wednesday, March 27 from 1:00-4:00 pm for SFSP Administrative Training. The training will be offered live via Zoom at the following link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/86448106303?pwd=eXFZzjNVYw9CbUExSElqeWp5OGN0QT09> (Passcode: 416571). For those unable to attend the live training, a recording will be available on the KSDE Training Portal at a later date. All new and returning sponsors must have at least one representative complete this administrative training in order to operate the SFSP in summer 2024.



Summer Rural Non-Congregate Meals Training – March 28

If your sponsor is planning to offer non-congregate meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in summer 2024, at least one sponsor representative must attend the Summer Non-Congregate Meals Training on Thursday, March 28 from 2:00-3:00 pm. The training will be offered live via Zoom at the following link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/89544189590?pwd=ckVtSVZTWlluUDJ6Y3JreTQ5RGJtZz09> (Passcode: 923074). Non-congregate meal service is defined by USDA as “a food service at which meals are provided for children to consume all of the components off site”. This training will explain requirements for operating non-congregate meal service sites based on new USDA guidance. For those unable to attend the live training, a recording will be available on the KSDE Training Portal at a later date.

Online Professional Development – Classes and Tutorials

CNW staff continue to develop new interactive online trainings and tutorials that can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. Accounts can be created at <https://learning.ksde.org>. For detailed instructions on creating an account, go to <https://cnw.ksde.org>, Training, How to Create Online Account. Trainings and tutorials specific to SFSP include: SFSP Menu Planning (2 hrs), Serving Safe Summer Meals (1 hr), Summer Food Service Program: Daily Meal Count Form (20 min), and SFSP Food Safety Toolkit (20 min).

Summer Kick-Off Events

Kick-off events are a great way to build awareness among parents, recruit volunteers, and create excitement around Summer Meals! Please share with CNW your plans for kick-off events this summer by emailing Emily Bonilla at ebonilla@ksde.org.

USDA Guidance

Initial Implementation Memorandum: Child Nutrition Program Integrity Final Rule, SFSP 12-2023

This memorandum provides initial implementation guidance for the Child Nutrition Program Integrity Final Rule. This memorandum relates to program-specific changes in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This memorandum applies to State agencies administering and school food authorities (SFAs), institutions and sponsors implementing the NSLP, SBP, CACFP, and SFSP.

Nationwide Expansion of Summer Food Service Program Simplified Cost Accounting Procedures-Revised, SFSP 01-2008

This memorandum updates requirements related to unused reimbursement originating in the Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act, December 26, 2007, which were codified in Simplified Cost Accounting and Other Actions to Reduce Paperwork in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), 83 FR 25349, published on June 1, 2018. Out-of-date language concerning unused reimbursement has been removed. This memorandum applies to State agencies administering, and local organizations operating, the Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option.

Crediting Traditional Indigenous Foods in Child Nutrition Programs, TA 01-2024

This updated memorandum provides guidance to Indigenous communities on incorporating traditional Indigenous foods that meet CNP meal pattern requirements and includes an updated and expanded list of traditional Indigenous foods that credit the same as similar foods currently listed in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG).

**Unused Reimbursement in the Summer Food Service Program, SFSP 13-2023**

This memorandum provides guidance to State agencies and Program operators for managing situations in which sponsors receive more reimbursement than they have spent on allowable costs in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Final Rule: Child Nutrition Program Integrity

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service published a [final rule on program integrity](#) to ensure that child nutrition programs are properly operated and managed to protect federal funds and taxpayer dollars. The final rule impacts the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, Summer Food Service Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers-Revised, SFSP 05-2017-Reissued

This memorandum updates previously issued Questions and Answers to clarify Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) requirements. Out-of-date language concerning unused reimbursement has been removed. This memorandum applies to State agencies administering, and local organizations operating, the Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option.

Revised Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products in School Meals, SFSP 02-2024

This memorandum provides updated guidance on crediting tofu and soy yogurt products in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and extends previous guidance on crediting tofu and soy yogurt products to the Summer Food Service Program, as well as to the infant meal pattern in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Procuring Local Meat, Poultry, Seafood, Game and Eggs for Child Nutrition Programs-REVISED SFSP 01-2016

Questions and answers providing guidance for procurement and inspection requirements for local meat, poultry, seafood, game, and eggs have been revised.

Implementing Guidance for the Rural Non-Congregate Option Provisions of the Interim Final Rule, Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs, SFSP 03-2024

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328), established a permanent non-congregate summer meal service option for rural areas with no congregate meal service available. (1) This memorandum provides guidance on the administration and operation of non-congregate meal service from the Interim Final Rule, Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs. (2) This memorandum applies to State agencies administering, and local organizations operating, the Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option. (3) This document relates to requirements in section 13 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) [42 U.S.C. 1761], the Summer Food Service Program regulations in 7 CFR part 225, the National School Lunch Program regulations in 7 CFR part 210, and the School Breakfast Program regulations in 7 CFR part 220.



Rural Designations in the Summer Meal Programs-Revised, SFSP 04-2024

The purpose of this memorandum is to revise guidance on rural designations in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (the Act) (P.L. 117-328) authorized a permanent non-congregate meal service option through the SFSP and SSO for children who live in rural communities with no congregate meal service. This memorandum is updated to include revisions to the definition of rural as provided in the interim final rule, Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 29, 2023. The revised definition allows the use of multiple recognized Federal definitions and classifications to designate areas as rural without further USDA approval, as well as the option for State agencies, with Food and Nutrition Service Regional Office (FNSRO) approval, to identify additional pockets that are rural in character based on other data sources. The revised definition will ease administrative burden and streamline the site identification and approval process for State agencies and Program sponsors. In addition, this memorandum highlights the updates made to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Rural Designation Map, a tool available to assist State agencies and sponsors in designating sites as rural. This memorandum supersedes SFSP policy memorandum SFSP 17-2015, Rural Designations in the Summer Food Service Program – Revised, April 21, 2017

Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas Questions and Answers, SFSP 07-2024

This guidance updates previously issued Questions and Answers to clarify the rural non-congregate summer meals option established through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (the Act) (P.L. 117-328), and codified through the interim final rulemaking (IFR), Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs (88 FR 90230). The Act authorized permanent, non-congregate meal service through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and National School Lunch Program's (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for rural areas with no congregate meal service. This memorandum and its attachment supersede SFSP 01-2023, SP 05-2023, Implementation Guidance: Summer 2023 Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas – Revised, issued February 28, 2023, and SFSP 07-2023, SP 14-2023, Questions and Answers #2: Summer 2023 Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas, issued April 20, 2023.

SFSP and Local Foods: A Dynamic Duo!

Harvest of the Month

Harvest of the Month will be launching soon! Kits including a poster, window clings and stickers for each month will be available, as well as downloadable resources from the CNW website including recipe cards, a newsletter, table tent, morning announcement template and a video. To request a Harvest of the Month Kit for your site, email CNW@ksde.org.

Farm to Plate Newsletter

The Farm to Plate Newsletter has officially launched! The newsletter includes CNW Farm to Plate Updates, News from organizations around the state regarding Farm to School, Local Tip of the Month, Frequently Asked Questions, and more. To subscribe to the Farm to Plate Newsletter, email Eryn Davis at edavis@ksde.org.



Thank you for all the hard work that you do to provide access to delicious and nourishing meals in Kansas during the summer months! With the many policy changes and updates regarding the SFSP, please call or email your area child nutrition consultant or the Topeka office with any questions. The CNW team is always happy to assist.

The CNW Team is looking forward to a great 2024 SFSP!

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