

# Monthly Update



## Summer Food Service Program

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*Distributed to Summer Food Service Program Authorized Representatives and posted at <https://cnw.ksde.gov>, SFSP, SFSP Monthly Updates*

### **Summer 2025 Here We Come!**

It's official. Summer 2025 is moving full speed ahead and we can't wait to hear your plans for serving summer meals! Please notify Emily Bonilla at [Emily.Bonilla@ksde.gov](mailto:Emily.Bonilla@ksde.gov) as soon as possible if summer plans are significantly different than last year – not participating, more sites, fewer sites, more days, fewer days, more children, fewer children, etc.

Kick-off events are a great way to build awareness among parents, recruit volunteers, and create excitement around Summer Meals! Please share with CNW any plans for kick-off events this summer by emailing Emily Bonilla at [Emily.Bonilla@ksde.gov](mailto:Emily.Bonilla@ksde.gov). Need assistance with planning a kick-off event? Reach out to Emily as well. Now is the time to start planning!

### **SFSP Renewal Training - Town Hall Thursday at 2 on March 13**

Agenda items for the March Town Hall include Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) renewal training and administrative updates. Join the meeting on March 13 at 2 pm at this Microsoft Teams link: [Join the meeting now](#) (Meeting ID: 241 814 717 448 Passcode: hW7Wy3Ax).

Please note that Town Hall meetings will now be held on Microsoft Teams (not Zoom). The previous Zoom link will not work for Town Hall meetings moving forward. Instructions for joining a Microsoft Teams meeting are available at <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/join-a-teams-meeting-078e9868-f1aa-4414-8bb9-ee88e9236ee4>

### **SFSP Annual Administrative Training – March 26**

Are you planning to offer meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) this summer? If so, join KSDE on Wednesday, March 26 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/85406961050?pwd=inGc7bnw2PzvVbOrpzBUFymJET9odP.1> Passcode:435352

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 2025.

### **Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas Training – March 27**

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 2025, at least one sponsor representative must attend the Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas Training on Thursday, March 27 from 2:00-3:00 pm. The training will be offered live via Zoom at the following link:

<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/85352333398?pwd=ptlrOZbRaCHxTv7yjsLYk99IXgoLv.1> Passcode: 239026

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 USDA guidance. For those unable to attend the live training, a recording will be available on the KSDE Training Portal at a later date.



### SFSP Reimbursement Rates

Reimbursement rates will be posted soon at <https://cnw.ksde.gov>, Key Links, Reimbursement Rates.

### 2025 Farm to Plate Subgrant

Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Sponsors may request up to \$9,500 to support Farm to Plate initiatives that will increase the local foods served as part of Child Nutrition Program snacks and meals. Subgrants will be utilized by CNP operators to advance eligible local foods programming activities. Subgrants will be available to School Nutrition Program (SNP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors. The application is anticipated to be available at the end of March at <https://cnw.ksde.gov>, Farm to Plate, What's New. Contact Eryn Davis at [Eryn.Davis@ksde.gov](mailto:Eryn.Davis@ksde.gov) with questions.

### Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) OR Seamless Summer Option (SSO)?

For questions about the Summer Food Service Program or the Seamless Summer Option for School Nutrition Program (SNP) Sponsors only, a Summer 2025 Comparison Chart has been developed to explain options and is posted at <https://cnw.ksde.gov>, SFSP, SFSP What's New. If you are a school Sponsor, contact our office at 785-296-2276 or your area KSDE child nutrition consultant to discuss options for Summer 2025 to determine the right fit for your Sponsorship.

### New Branding – SUN Meals

KSDE has adopted the USDA summer meals branding campaign of **SUN Meals**. Sun Meals branding includes meals served through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). Be on the lookout for more information and resources for Sun Meals branding.

SUN Programs communication materials for state agencies, territories, and Indian Tribal Organizations are now available on the FNS website. The [SUN Programs Communications Toolkit](#) includes both ready-to-use and customizable materials for use by agencies administering SUN Bucks (Summer EBT), SUN Meals (summer meals), and/or SUN Meals To-Go (non-congregate summer meals) in 2025. **The SUN Programs Communications Toolkit** can be found at this link: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/toolkit>

### Summer Meals Resources from No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices

No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices hosts webinars on a range of topics to share best practices and help stakeholders end childhood hunger in their community. Check out resources and upcoming webinars at [Homepage | No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices](#)

**The CNW Team is looking forward to a great 2025 SFSP! Please let us know how we can assist with increasing access to delicious and nourishing meals across the great state of Kansas!**

The CNW Team



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