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Re: 2018 Michigan June Nutrition Conference

The staff of the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Office of Health and Nutrition Services (OHNS) and the School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) are pleased to announce the 2018 MDE-SNAM Michigan June Nutrition Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This conference opens its doors to professionals of food distribution programs, child and adult feeding programs, school nutrition, other professionals, and people interested in the fields of nutrition, food programming, school management, government, and public health.

**Date:** Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19-20, 2018, with additional Pre-conference options (see tentative schedule on the following pages).

**Cost:** \$75 per day, with additional Pre-conference registration options. Registrants should register for each day she/he wishes to attend.

**Conference Meals:** Breakfast is on your own. Lunch will be provided on Tuesday and is on your own Wednesday. Snacks will be provided during the networking and office hours sessions.

**Registration Deadline:** June 8, 2018

**Location:** Amway Grand Plaza, Curio Collection by Hilton at 187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

**Parking:** Hotel self-parking is \$29 per day and valet parking is \$34 per day.

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**Lodging:** Participants are responsible for their own lodging, which is available at the conference location. When making hotel reservations, use the link provided or call the Amway Grand Plaza directly at 800-253-3590 and use the group name below.

- **Hotel registration deadline:** May 17, 2018
- **Online registration:** [Amway Grand Plaza Lodging Registration](#)<sup>i</sup>
- **Hotel code for group block:** Mention the code "Nourishing Michigan's Future"

### **Conference Registration**

Registration is available on a per-day basis, all within a single registration system. To register, visit the [2018 MDE-SNAM June Nutrition Conference online registration](#).<sup>ii</sup> The registration deadline is June 8, 2018. Space is limited, so please register early.

Register for your breakout sessions through this site.

### **Conference App**

This year, programs, schedules, resources, and communications will be handled mostly through a mobile app. Visit the [MDE-SNAM conference webpage](#)<sup>ii</sup> for more information and to download the app on your phone, tablet, or laptop.

### **Technical Assistance Support**

Customer service is a priority for MDE. There are several scheduled times MDE staff members will be available for drop-in questions or other assistance needs:

- Monday, June 18, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 19, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 20, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Additionally, sessions marked as a "workshop" will be smaller in size and will focus on information and questions attendees bring from their own districts. For example, workshop session "Plan Your Preschool Meal Pattern" will ask that attendees bring meal pattern and production information from their districts and session leaders will walk them through making sure their meal patterns not only meet program requirements but are well-developed. Registrants of workshop sessions will be given more information before the conference so that they may come prepared and get the most out of the sessions. These experiences aim to give participants personalized solutions for the session topic.

### **Optional Pre-Conference Cultivate Michigan Tour**

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension, the Michigan Farm to Institution Network, and the Michigan Onion Committee will offer a Cultivate Michigan beet, onion, and celery tour for \$25 on Monday, June 18, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The tour will offer an opportunity to explore beet, onion, and celery production in the Grand Rapids area and educate on how to purchase these important Michigan agricultural products. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited to 45 individuals, so please register early. Registration is available via the [online registration link](#).<sup>ii</sup>

## Amway Grand Plaza Parking

Parking is available from the hotel for a daily fee of \$29 per day for self-parking and \$34 per day for valet parking.

### 2018 MDE-SNAM June Nutrition Conference Registration Options

DAY/DATE	LOCATION	TIME	TARGET AUDIENCE	COST
<a href="#"><u>Monday, June 18<sup>ii</sup></u></a>	<b>Pre-conference Beet, Onion, and Celery Tour</b> Lunch and transportation included. Meeting place to be announced.	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	All are welcome (limited to 45)	\$25
<a href="#"><u>Monday, June 18<sup>ii</sup></u></a>	<b>Pre-conference</b> Amway Grand Plaza Curio Collection 187 Monroe Avenue NW Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	All are welcome	\$40 half day, \$75 full day
<a href="#"><u>Tuesday, June 19<sup>ii</sup></u></a>	<b>Conference Day 1</b> Amway Grand Plaza Curio Collection 187 Monroe Avenue NW Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	All are welcome	\$75
<a href="#"><u>Wednesday, June 20<sup>ii</sup></u></a>	<b>Conference Day 2</b> Amway Grand Plaza Curio Collection 187 Monroe Avenue NW Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	All are welcome	\$75

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodations for effective participation in the conference should contact the School Nutrition Programs unit at 517-241-5374. All requests for accommodations should be made by June 4, 2018.

## 2018 MDE-SNAM Michigan June Nutrition Conference

*Nourishing the Whole Person the Whole Year*

June 18-20, 2018

Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Schedule at a Glance** (Subject to Change)

### Monday, June 18, 2018 – Pre-conference

- All Day Sessions
  - 9:00-3:00 - Meal Pattern 1-Day Overview [CACFP, SNP, SFSP]
- Half Day Sessions
  - 9:00-12:00 - Highlight Reel: Key Points to Remember for School Nutrition [SNP, CACFP]
  - 9:00-12:00 - Resource Management Hot Topics [SNP]
  - 1:00-4:00 - Maximizing Commodities and Using Your Entitlement [SNP]
  - 1:00-4:00 - Workshop: Plan Your Back-to-School Training [SNP, CACFP]
  - 10:00-4:00 - MSU Beet, Onion, and Celery Tour [All]
- Office Hours
  - 4:00-5:00 - Drop-In Office Hours with MDE Staff [All]

### Tuesday, June 19, 2018 - Conference Day 1

- 6:30 - Optional STEPS Physical Activity
- 8:00-8:45 - Registration
- 8:45-10:15 - General Welcome and Opening Session: D<sup>3</sup> – Data Driven Decisions [All]
- 10:30-11:30 - Breakouts
  - Handling Food Waste Safely [CACFP, FD, SFSP, SNP]
  - Lean Process Improvement: How a Cross-Functional Team Redesigned the Overall Process of Training for Food Service Stakeholders in Michigan [All]
  - Louretta Cunningham-Powell: Why Food Programs Matter [All]
  - Technology Innovation Grant Workgroup: Be in the Know! Take a Look at What is Coming for MDE Food and Nutrition Systems and Offer Feedback as This New Tool is Developed [All]
  - Workshop: Plan Your Preschool Meal Pattern (repeated 6/20) [CACFP, SNP]
- 11:30-1:00 - Lunch and Break [All]
- 1:00-2:30 - Breakouts
  - Food Distribution Program Finances and MDE Reviews [FD]
  - Hot Tips for Increasing Breakfast and Lunch Participation: Five Things Every Successful Program Does Every Day [All]
  - Workshop: Plan Your Back-to-School Training [CACFP, SNP]

- 2:45-3:45 - Breakouts
  - Food Distribution Policy Overview and Delivery Process [FD]
  - Overview of State Supplemental Payments (31d/31f) [SNP]
  - The STEPS Program and Team Nutrition [CACFP, SNP]
  - Workshop: CACFP Site Monitoring: Successful Strategies for Sponsors (repeated 6/20) [CACFP]
  - Workshop: Capacity Building – How to Maximize Your Programs and Participation [All]
- **4:00-6:00 - Networking Reception [All]**  
*After attending sessions, this is your chance to get questions answered in a personalized way.*

## Wednesday, June 20, 2018 - Conference Day 2

- 6:30 - Optional STEPS Physical Activity
- 8:00-8:30 - Registration
- 8:30-9:30 - Keynote Speaker, Rodney Page
- 9:45-11:15 - Breakouts
  - CACFP Hot Topics: What's New [CACFP]
  - Procurement: General Process Overview [All]
  - Workshop: CACFP Site Monitoring: Successful Strategies for Sponsors (repeat from 6/19) [CACFP]
  - Workshop: Plan Your Preschool Meal Pattern (repeat from 6/19) [CACFP, SNP]
  - Workshop: A Walk Through the Interactive USDA Food Buying Guide and Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW) [CACFP, SNP]
- 11:15-1:00 - Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00-1:45 - Breakouts
  - ABC's of At-Risk Afterschool and Healthy Snack Options Beyond the Graham Cracker [CACFP, SNP]
  - Listening Session: Why is School Meals Participation Falling? [SNP]
  - Making the Most of Your Local Wellness Policy [SNP]
  - Raising Awareness with Policy Makers [All]
  - Workshop: Verification and the School Food Authority-Verification Collection Report (SFA-VCR) [SNP]

- 2:00-2:45 - Breakouts
  - Family Style Meals Done Right [CACFP, SNP]
  - Workshop: A Recipe for School Wellness Success [CACFP, SFSP, SNP]
  - Workshop: Cultural Compassion [All]
  - Workshop: Direct Certification [SNP]
  - Workshop: Fine-Tune Your Breakfast and Lunch Meal Patterns [SNP]
- 3:00-4:00 - Drop-In Office Hours with MDE Staff [All]  
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**\*Multiple audiences will be attending. This key lets you know which sessions might be relevant to you.**

- [All] - message applies to all audiences.
- [CACFP] - session targets people working in the Child and Adult Care Food Program including At-Risk Afterschool.
- [FD] - session targets people working in household Food Distribution Programs (TEFAP, CSFP).
- [SFSP] - session addresses the Summer Food Service Program.
- [SNP] - session targets people working in School Nutrition Programs (NSLP, SBP).
- Workshop – sessions smaller in size that are focused on walking through the topic based on information attendees bring from their own district, with the goal of attendees leaving with personalized solutions related to the session topic.

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<sup>i</sup><https://book.passkey.com/event/49262312/owner/2529966/home>

<sup>ii</sup><http://michigansna.org/meetinginfo.php?id=438>