

MEET UP EAT UP™

Summer Food Service Program

Upcoming Events

Click the links for more information and registration.

SFSP Training

- March 22: [Grand Rapids](#)¹
- March 27: [Inkster](#)²
- March 29: [Flint](#)³
- April 4: [Lansing](#)⁴
- April 10: [Kalamazoo](#)⁵
- April 12: [Macomb](#)⁶
- April 18: [Grand Rapids](#)⁷
- April 19: [Lansing](#)⁸
- May 1: [Flint](#)⁹
- May 3: [Lansing](#)¹⁰
- May 8: [Traverse City](#)¹¹
- May 10: [Marquette](#)¹²
- May 17: [Lansing](#)¹³
- May 22: [Detroit, area sponsors only](#)¹⁴

Webinars

[Leveraging Mobile Solutions to Increase Access to Summer Meals](#)¹⁵

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

Share our Strength, No Kid Hungry

[Engaging the Healthcare Community to Support Summer Meals](#)¹⁶

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

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Contact SFSP!

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Meet the SFSP Crew!

The Summer Food Service Program Crew gets support from Child Nutrition Program analysts to round out our team. Thank you, School Nutrition Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Food Distribution Unit!



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We hope you like the first issue of our updated newsletter! With the new format, we thought it was the perfect time to introduce the SFSP staff. We would also like to congratulate Deb Williams on her retirement, and welcome Emily Purves to SFSP! Our staff works year-round to make sure the kids in Michigan have access to healthy meals in the summer. Right now, we are gearing up for trainings. We cannot wait to see you there!



February Checklist

- ✓ Register for training.
Tip: Bring a friend! A new sponsor or site.
- ✓ Begin looking at last year's sites. Will they be sites this summer?
Tip: Send thank you notes and invite them to take part again this year.
- ✓ Start planning outreach and promotion for Meet Up and Eat Up sites.
Tip: Plan goals for each month leading up to the start of your program and into the summer.

New to the Summer Food Service Program?

The SFSP is a federally-funded program, and it is run in our state by the Michigan Department of Education. The SFSP reimburses sponsors of the program who serve free healthy meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school is not in session.

Cool Tools to Check Site Eligibility

There are two ways to find out if a site is eligible, school data or census data. First check school data and if the site does not qualify then check census data. Easy to follow instructions and cool tools that help with checking census data are on the SFSP website here: [Site Eligibility](#)¹⁷

NEW!! Digital USDA Food Buying Guide

The [Food Buying Guide](#)¹⁸ for Child Nutrition Programs has a new interactive website and a new mobile app! If you haven't used the food buying guide before, now is the time to start! It can help with menu planning, has options to compare different foods and it can help with calculating food yields. Check out this USDA Food and Nutrition Services website for an archived Food Buying Guide webinar here: [FNS media webpage](#)¹⁹.

Summer Food Service Program Training

Sponsors must attend an MDE sponsored Summer Food Service Program training at least once every three years. That means if you have not attended in the last 2 years, you must come this year. It is okay to come to training every year! Trainings are a terrific opportunity to talk with other sponsors and learn new tips and best practices. The dates, locations and registration links are on page 1.

Full Hyperlinks and References

The complete links are helpful for screen readers and printing.

¹<https://sfspgrandrapidsmarch22.eventbrite.com>

²<https://sfspwaynemarch27.eventbrite.com>

³<https://sfspflintmarch29.eventbrite.com>

⁴<https://sfspplansingapril4.eventbrite.com>

⁵<https://sfspkalamazooapril10.eventbrite.com>

⁶<https://sfspmcombapril12.eventbrite.com>

⁷<https://sfspgrandrapidsapril18.eventbrite.com>

⁸<https://sfspplansingapril19.eventbrite.com>

⁹<https://sfspflintmay1.eventbrite.com>

¹⁰<https://sfspplansingmay3.eventbrite.com>

¹¹<https://sfsptraversecitymay8.eventbrite.com>

¹²<https://sfspmarquettetmay10.eventbrite.com>

¹³<https://sfspplansingmay17.eventbrite.com>

¹⁴<https://sfspuwsemmay22.eventbrite.com>

¹⁵http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491-457608--00.html

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¹⁷http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491-457608--00.html

¹⁸<https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/>

¹⁹<https://www.fns.usda.gov/fns-media>