

School Nutrition News From

March 28, 2019

The information in this document helps support Goal 4, Strategy 4.1, of [MDE's Top 10 in 10 Initiative](#)ⁱ by helping to ensure students receive important nutritional resources to help them learn and grow.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Team Nutrition Training Grant (TNTG)

We Need YOU!!

Are you a school nutrition manager responsible for at least one building with 3 employees? Do you know a school nutrition manager that would benefit from training and mentoring?

If you answered yes to either question - then this grant is for you!!

The 2019 Team Nutrition training grant opportunity from USDA will allow MDE to bring additional training and mentoring to school nutrition managers. Trainings will include: meal preparation and service, purchasing and storing food, nutrition and menus, and food preparation skills to increase participation. Districts will also receive money to support changes in meal quality. **MDE needs a minimum of 120 school districts willing to participate in this research/training opportunity before Monday, May 13, 2019!**

For more information, please see the attached flyer or contact Whitney Vance at vancew@michigan.gov.

Breakfast after the Bell Grant Opportunity

The Michigan Department of Education and No Kid Hungry are offering a grant to support schools with the purchase of equipment, materials, and initiatives facilitating breakfast after the bell delivery models in an effort to increase student participation in school breakfast. Registration closes April 8, 2019. For a copy of an informational flyer, contact Linda Bushong at 517-241-5374. This grant can help increase access to breakfast and ensure all kids have the fuel they need to reach their full potential!

Reminder: 2020 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant Application is Available

The 2020 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant went live Friday, March 1, 2019. A memorandum announcing the [2020 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant](#)ⁱⁱ was sent to Superintendents on February 28, 2019, in the MDE Official Weekly Communication.

The MEGS+ grant application must be initiated by a MEGS+ Authorized Official (Level 5) or Application Administrator (Level 4) and be submitted by the close of business, **Friday, March 29, 2019**. It is expected that grant funds will be awarded on or around April 30, 2019.

Questions regarding the equipment grant can be directed to Cheryl Schubel at 517-241-5152 or email at schubelc@michigan.gov.

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) June Nutrition Conference

Save the date! The MDE-SNAM June Nutrition Conference will be held June 18-20, 2019, at Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, Michigan. Registration will be available by late April. Registration is open to the public and will cater to a range of audiences involved in School Nutrition Programs. We hope to see you there!

Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar

Please visit the [Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar](#),ⁱⁱⁱ a one-stop-shop calendar that lists child nutrition trainings across the state. If you wish to add your training to the calendar or have questions, contact davenporta1@michigan.gov. The more trainings listed, the better the calendar will be!

Reminder – Upcoming Events

School Meals Overview Training (SMOT)

This comprehensive training is for School Food Authorities (SFAs) and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) and will cover items that staff must know to provide quality meals that adhere to the USDA guidelines. Pre-registration is required.

When: May 1, 8, and 15, 2019

Where: Erwin L. Davis Education Center, Flint, Michigan

For further information and registration information, visit [SMOT Registration](#).^{iv}

Targeted Training for School Nutrition Professionals Workshop

This hands-on, activity-based workshop is targeted to food service staff and will provide active sessions where participants can interact with MDE staff. The workshop consists of two days – Day One will cover nutrition related information and Day Two will cover administrative information. There is no cost for the workshop and participants are welcome to attend one or both days. Preregistration is required. Registration preference will be given to U.P. counties first. Please register for each day you plan to attend.

When: May 13 and 14, 2019

Where: Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, Marquette, Michigan

For further information and registration information, visit [Targeted Training Registration](#).^v

Questions of the Week

Question: My school site is below 50 percent free and reduced applications. Can it be a site in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)?

Answer: Yes, if the October Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) data is less than 50 percent you can use census area eligibility. Refer to the [How to Determine Site Eligibility](#)^{vi} page for details on how sites qualify using approved maps. If your school building does not qualify using census area eligibility, you are able to use any claim month during the fiscal year to determine eligibility. At least one claim month must have a free and reduced percentage above 50 percent in order to be eligible.

Question: Do I have to attend MDE SFSP Training?

Answer: Maybe, sponsors are required to attend training at least once every three years. If you are a new sponsor or have new staff responsible for the SFSP, they need to attend training. It is a best practice to attend SFSP training annually. [SFSP trainings](#)^{vii} have started and continue throughout the end of May. Keep in mind if you do not attend an MDE training this year, you still need to train yourself and, as always, train your staff annually.

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Celebrate **March is Reading Month** by learning more: [Read by Grade Three Parent Awareness Toolkit](#).^{viii}



ⁱ <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-80635---,00.html>

ⁱⁱ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/NSLP_EAG_2019_647536_7.pdf

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=minutritiontraining%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FDetroit>

^{iv} https://www.michigan.gov/documents/training/Registration_Memo_Genesee_April_2019_ab_648985_7.pdf

^v https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Registration_memo_650404_7.pdf

^{vi} https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491-457608--,00.html

^{vii} https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2018_Training_Schedule_611146_7.pdf

^{viii} https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_74161-490688--,00.html

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- get 53 hours of training for Director/Managers and 4 hours for frontline staff
- an opportunity to enhance your culinary skills
- receive money to support meal quality at your school
- a mentor to expand your lunchroom marketing and customer service
- grow your skills to provide training for your frontline staff



Team Nutrition Needs You!

As a key player in the health of our children, the Michigan Department of Education would like to offer you a training opportunity to expand and improve the work you do.

The USDA 2019 Team Nutrition Grant is all about training Food Service and their front-line staff. These trainings include:

- Meal preparation and service
- Purchasing and storing food
- Nutrition and menus
- Food preparation skills to increase student participation

If your district has at least one director/manager that supervises at least 3 frontline staff serving school lunch in at least one building – this grant is for you!! **We're looking for a minimum of 120 school districts willing to participate in this research/training opportunity.**



If you're interested in learning more about this potential research/training opportunity contact Whitney Vance at vancew@michigan.gov by **Monday, May 13, 2019.**