

# MEET UP and EAT UP™

## Summer Food Service Program

### Upcoming Events

Click the links for more information and registration.

#### 2019 SFSP Application:

Deadline May 1, 2019  
Submit in [MEGS+](#)<sup>1</sup>.

#### 2019 SFSP Training:

Sponsors must attend an MDE sponsored Summer Food Service Program training at least once every three years.

April 23: [Lansing](#)<sup>2</sup>

April 30: [Traverse City](#)<sup>3</sup>

May 2: [Marquette](#)<sup>4</sup>

May 7: [Grand Rapids](#)<sup>5</sup>

May 15: [Detroit](#)<sup>6</sup>

May 29: [Lansing](#)<sup>7</sup>

#### Conference Calls and Webinars:

[Innovations to Expand Access to Summer Meals in Hard-to-Reach Communities](#)<sup>8</sup>

Recorded March 28, 2019  
No Kid Hungry Webinar

[Core Summer Meals Strategies to Overcome Transportation Barriers](#)<sup>9</sup>

Recorded April 11, 2019  
FRAC Webinar



#### Contact SFSP!

[MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov)  
517-241-5374



### Monitoring Visits in 2019

This year, due to changes required by USDA, all sites (new and returning) will require First Week visits. Sponsors are required to complete all visits and forms:

- **Pre-operational visit and form** for NEW SITES and sites that have struggled in previous years or have new or inexperienced staff.
- **First Week visits, Monitor Site Review, and Racial/Ethnic Data forms** for ALL SITES.

There are no exceptions in monitoring rules. More information and forms are on the [SFSP website](#)<sup>10</sup>. The [USDA Handbooks](#)<sup>11</sup> give guidance and resources for administering and monitoring programs.

### Marketing and Outreach

Community outreach increases the number of hungry kids eating nutritious meals in summer!

The MDE SFSP team has several new resources [here](#)<sup>12</sup> to get you started including tweets and posts for social media, email templates and a robocall script.

The [SFSP Site Locator Map](#)<sup>13</sup> is important to include in outreach as well as information on calling 211 and texting FOOD to 877-877 to find nearby sites.

Also, don't miss the Meet Up and Eat Up graphics from Michigan No Kid Hungry [here](#).<sup>14</sup>



### April/May Checklist:

- ✓ Training – Attend and Plan
  - Attend an MDE training
  - Create a detailed training agenda for new and returning staff.
- ✓ By May 1 submit the 2019 SFSP Application
- ✓ Review USDA Handbooks
- ✓ Create a marketing plan
  - MDE Meet Up Eat Up Outreach materials
  - Michigan No Kid Hungry graphics
- ✓ Start outreach
  - Include the SFSP site locator map
  - Include information on calling 211 and texting FOOD to 877-877

## Cool Tools to Check Site Eligibility

There are two ways to find out if a site is eligible, school data and census data. Sites qualify if 50% or more students at the nearest school or census area receive free or reduced-price school meals. First check school data by [finding the nearest school](#)<sup>15</sup>, and then cross-check the [Breakfast and Lunch Data by District](#)<sup>16</sup> pdf. If the site does not qualify then check census data using one of the tools available at the [How to Determine Site Eligibility webpage](#)<sup>17</sup>. The page has the steps to follow and cool mapping tools!

## SFSP Participants May be Eligible for WIC Benefits!

Help connect a potentially eligible SFSP participant to the WIC Program with the [WIC Prescreening Tool](#)!

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education, including breastfeeding promotion and support, to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Both SFSP and WIC share common goals to promote positive health and nutrition status for young children and their families. The WIC Prescreening Tool assists applicants in determining whether or not they are potentially eligible to receive WIC benefits.

## 2019 SFSP Applications

The submission deadline is May 1 and application submissions are rolling in! Thank you to all sponsors who have submitted already. Applications are reviewed and processed in the order received. We have a team of 14 analysts and consultants devoting a portion of their time to application review. If you have questions about your application, email the SFSP office at [MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov) or call the main line at 517-241-5374.

## Full Hyperlinks and References

The complete links are helpful for screen readers and printing.

<sup>1</sup><https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPPlus/>

<sup>2</sup><https://sfspplanninghalfdayapril23.eventbrite.com>

<sup>3</sup><https://sfsptraversecityapril30.eventbrite.com>

<sup>4</sup><https://sfspmarquetttemay2.eventbrite.com>

<sup>5</sup><https://sfspgrandrapidshalfdaymay7.eventbrite.com>

<sup>6</sup><https://sfspdetroitmay15.eventbrite.com>

<sup>7</sup><https://sfspplanningmiworksmay29.eventbrite.com/>

<sup>8</sup><https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/webinars/innovations-expand-access-summer-meals-hard-reach-communities>

<sup>9</sup><https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/webinars/core-summer-meals-strategies-overcome-transportation-barriers>

<sup>10</sup>[https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254\\_34491-405594--00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491-405594--00.html)

<sup>11</sup><https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/handbooks>

<sup>12</sup>[https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254\\_34491-492802--00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491-492802--00.html)

<sup>13</sup><https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/>

<sup>14</sup><http://michigannokidhungry.org/assets/>

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SFSP\\_Memo\\_1\\_2019\\_645726\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SFSP_Memo_1_2019_645726_7.pdf)

<sup>15</sup><https://www.greatschools.org/>

<sup>16</sup>[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SNP\\_-\\_October\\_2017\\_Breakfast\\_and\\_Lunch\\_Data\\_619495\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SNP_-_October_2017_Breakfast_and_Lunch_Data_619495_7.pdf)

<sup>17</sup>[https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254\\_34491-457608--00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491-457608--00.html)

<sup>18</sup><https://wic.fns.usda.gov/wps/pages/preScreenTool.xhtml>