

# MEET UP EAT UP™

## Summer Food Service Program

### Upcoming Events

Click the links for more information and registration.

#### Unanticipated School Closure SFSP Trainings

[October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019](#)  
[9:00am - 11:00 am](#)  
[Webinar <sup>1</sup>](#)

[November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019](#)  
[1:00pm-3:00pm](#)  
[Macomb ISD<sup>2</sup>](#)



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### Thank you!

Thank you from the MDE SFSP Team to all Meet Up and Eat Up Sponsors for your hard work and dedication feeding the children of Michigan when school is out for the summer!

Thank you from the USDA Food and Nutrition Services to all the sponsors who worked tirelessly this summer to ensure that the 22 million children who receive free and reduced-price meals during the school year also have access to meals when school is out. USDA knows that without the hard work and dedication of SFSP sponsors, the program would not be able to serve over 140 million nutritious meals and snacks.

### SFSP Unanticipated School Closure Trainings

The Summer Food Service Program has a provision to serve meals during unanticipated school closures. Last year during the extreme weather in January and February, 19 Sponsors participated in Unanticipated School Closure SFSP and served over 1700 meals and snacks.

In an effort to ensure Sponsors and our office staff are better prepared this year, we have improved our procedures and are offering training. The SFSP Unanticipated School Closure Training is required for participation in the provision. Join us for a free, detailed 2-hour session on how the SFSP can fit into your School District's emergency plan. There are 2 remaining dates to choose from for this training. Visit the [Unanticipated School Closure SFSP<sup>3</sup>](#) webpage for more information.

## MDE Nutrition Gateway

The MDE Nutrition Gateway is now Live! Local staff using child nutrition systems can now log in as a single point of entry into an MDE system for which they have approved access. Submitting applications, claims for reimbursement, review documentation, or pulling data for meals served can now easily be located with one login! Please change your bookmarks and enjoy this new gateway system designed to assist you in all things “child nutrition”.

- The [MDE Nutrition Gateway User Guide](#)<sup>4</sup> gives you a brief description of the Gateway and what you can do in each situation.
- The [MDE Nutrition Gateway Dashboard and Portal Basics](#)<sup>5</sup> gives specific instructions on how to log in and use the Dashboard.

## FRAC: Evaluating Last Summer

FRAC has wonderful suggestions for evaluating SFSP programs. It is important to evaluate operations each year and determine which practices were the most effective and should be continued next summer, as well as what may not have worked as well. Be sure to consider an evaluation component as you plan your program. It is easier to capture some information along the way than looking back.

Factors to consider include site locations and the number of sites you sponsored, as well as the effectiveness of your outreach to promote each site. Try to include all interest groups in your evaluation process, including children, parents, staff, and the community at-large. For more information on evaluating your operations, [click this link](#)<sup>6</sup>!

## Turnip the Beet!

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Meet Up and Eat Up SFSP sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. The award is open to all Michigan sponsors operating the SFSP. See the attached 2019 Turnip the Beet Overview and Nomination Form. Nomination Forms and supporting documentation are due:

**November 15, 2019.**



## Full Hyperlinks and References

The complete links are helpful for screen readers and printing.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfsp-1025-unanticipated-school-closures-training-registration-74098309037>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfsp-1113-unanticipated-school-closures-training-registration-76424749483>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254\\_34491-489165--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491-489165--,00.html)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MDE\\_Nutrition\\_Gateway\\_-\\_User\\_Guide\\_666359\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MDE_Nutrition_Gateway_-_User_Guide_666359_7.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MDE\\_Nutrition\\_Gateway\\_Basics\\_666360\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MDE_Nutrition_Gateway_Basics_666360_7.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/sfsp-calendar-guide-sep-oct-evaluating-last-summer.pdf>