



OHNS Town Hall

We will begin at 2:00 p.m.

November 4, 2020

Happy to have you with us!

- PowerPoints are posted at:
 - [Office of Health and Nutrition Services Town Hall Meetings](#) webpage
- Q & A will be updated weekly and posted at:
 - [MDE COVID-19 Health and Nutrition Services Resources](#) webpage
- Next: November 18, December 2, January 13

2020 Michigan Education Support Staff Professionals of the Year

- Dawn Hedges, Western School District in Jackson County, food and nutrition service worker at Parma Elementary School for the past 20 years.
- Holly Holm, Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw-Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD), administrative assistant that has been responsible for the School Nutrition Programs at COOR ISD for the past 17 years.

Special COVID Grants for Support Staff – THAT’S YOU!

Up to \$250 for anyone who served kids from a “brick and mortar building” between March 13 and April 6, 2020

Your district must identify you as eligible

You must complete the form between 11/9 and 12/4

To learn more:

Website: www.Michigan.gov/TSSC19Grants

Email: TSSC19Grants@michigan.gov

Phone: 517-241-6000

SNAM Annual Conference

- Get registered now!
- A GREAT way to assure you and your team get all of your professional standards hours in while supporting your state organization!
- Only \$149 per log in – SIGNIFICANTLY less than what would be spent if we were traveling to an in-person conference!
- Great sessions on stress and personnel management, getting the most from your commodity dollars, purchasing local foods, and more!
- Co-sponsored by MDE so LOTS of MDE sessions to choose from!
- You will have 6 WEEKS to watch as many sessions as you wish!
- Plus – lots of FUN sprinkled in too! Daily variety hours in November, drawings, prizes, etc. Don't miss out!

10 Cents A Meal Program

- 10 cents a meal is a statewide program
- All school districts and sponsors of childcare centers may apply
- Competitive, matching grant
- Reimbursed for purchasing and serving Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes
- Michigan has \$2 million dollars for reimbursement to school districts and CACFP programs
- \$200,000 is specifically earmarked for CACFP centers not a part of a school district

How the 10 Cents Grant Program Works

If awarded, you are required to:

- Purchase at least twice the amount of the grant award in local produce
- Serve in reimbursable child nutrition programs – school breakfast and lunch, after school snacks, child and adult care breakfast, lunch and suppers or at risk after school – all SFSP meals
- Submit purchasing/invoice data
- Complete monthly surveys
- Claim for reimbursement

How to Apply for the 10 Cents Grant Program

- The application is now closed. Will you apply if we reopen it until November 9th?

www.tencentsmichigan.org

Contact our office:

- Jaime Malnar at MalnarJ1@michigan.gov or
- Liana Bennett at BennettL4@michigan.gov
- If so, contact us for the direct link to the application

30-day Carryover of Benefits

- The latest USDA Q & A addresses this issue in Q4
- The eligibility carryover period is paused during SFSP operations.
- Eligibility carryover allows children to maintain their prior schoolyear eligibility status for up to 30 NSLP operating days into the subsequent school year.
- “Operating day” is defined as a day that reimbursable meals are offered to eligible students under NSLP or SBP. Therefore, if you are running SFSP, this school year will NOT count toward the 30-day eligibility carryover period
 - This includes those that started NSLP but retroactively have SFSP approved
 - If you missed the SFSP deadline and subsequently will claim meals under NSLP/SBP for this school year, then any days in which you claim NSLP/SBP meals count toward the 30-day eligibility period

Benefits & Challenges of this extended 30-day Carryover

Benefits

If you opted to do Extended-SFSP the entire year, a student's SY19-20 school meal eligibility carries over for meals only in the Point of Service system

Challenges

Student Information Systems programming!

- If the POS talks to SIS, the local district will be responsible for assuring benefit eligibility is accurate in each system

School Nutrition Eligibility (SNE) in Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) does not have carryover

- So if a family does not return a f/r application, the district must change SNE to paid in MSDS

Verification in School Year 20-21

- USDA has extended the verification deadline to February 28, 2021
- All sponsors that collected free and reduced-price applications are required to conduct verification
- Sponsors have the discretion to complete verification ahead of this deadline
- The Verification sample should be based on approved current school year applications as of October 1, 2020

Direct Certification

Date	Description
11/6/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes SRM, Nonpublic Early Roster records submitted by 11/3/20)
11/19/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes SRM, Nonpublic Early Roster records submitted by 11/16/20)
12/4/2020	MSDS Direct Certification Refresh (Includes SRM, Nonpublic Early Roster records submitted by 12/1/20)

31k Grant for Student Meal Negative Balance Forgiveness

Application is now open; link is found at www.michigan.gov/mde-fast

Apply by 12/1/2020; payments will be made within 60 days

\$1 Million to reimburse districts for forgiving current student meal negative balances

For School Year 2020/2021 only

Funds can be prorated if funding is not enough to cover

To be eligible for reimbursement payments districts must:

- Adopt meal charge policies that prevent all forms of lunch shaming
- Write off outstanding current student meal negative balances with a transfer from the General Fund

Improve Meal Quality

- Remember menu planning guidelines
 - Color, texture and shape
- Increase variety
 - Add more choices
 - Change up the 2-week menu cycle
 - Add hot items
- Increase quality
 - Serve more fresh fruits and vegetables
 - Purchase whole muscle chicken items
 - Serve unique whole grain rich bread/bun items
- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold to keep up quality

Meal Quality - Ideas

- Pre-made salads
 - Package dressing separate from greens
 - Provide instructions on how to dress salad
- For sandwiches and wraps
 - Package bread separately from fillings
 - Provide instructions on assembly
- For peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
 - Frozen sandwiches may prevent damage or smashing in transport
 - Include instructions to thaw in refrigerator before eating



Production Records for Multiple Meals

- Must show the served meal components and quantities
- For a week's worth of meals, it must show
 - all meals for the week
 - amounts provided and
 - meal component crediting information
- Must indicate total number of meals produced and served
- Best practice – one weekly production record should be completed for each meal type (e.g., breakfast, lunch) and grade group served (if doing NSLP).

Special Dietary Needs

- Must continue to provide reasonable modifications to Program meals or the meal service to accommodate children with disabilities
- Safe, quality meals for all students
- Best Practice: meet with parents to create a plan that everyone agrees with

Food Safety

- When providing take home meals, Program operators must identify which foods require refrigeration, cooking, or heating for food safety; provide in multiple languages, if needed
 - Label food(s) that need refrigeration or reheating
 - Provide a list of foods that require refrigeration or reheating
 - Sort foods into 2 different bags for distribution
 - One for refrigerated foods
 - One for shelf-stable foods

What Makes a Meal?

- When providing foods in “bulk” packages, Program operators need to provide a handout to parents/guardians and participants with a list of the items they are receiving, and menus showing which foods, and how much of each food should be served at each meal. Provide in multiple languages, if needed
- At a minimum, you must post the crediting information online as well as the menu

Extended SFSP MEGS+ Application

- You can now add January through April serving dates to the SFSP MEGS+ application
- If you need to amend MEGS+ due to COVID such as closures or changes in a building:
 - Amend sites that show up on the map (open to the greater community) within 24-48 hours
 - Sites that are open-restricted site should be amended at the end of the month to reflect actual serving dates (these sites do not show up on the Meet Up and Eat up map)
- Month of May and beyond- these dates will be added to the 2021 SFSP MEGS+ application
 - Application opens March 1. More details to come...

Extended SFSP – Technical Assistance

- Our summer food team will be providing additional TA for Extended SFSP in December and January
 - Regional meetings
- Gather best practices and any questions you have!!!

Residential Childcare Institutions (RCCI) Extended-SFSP Update

- USDA has announced that RCCI Sponsors can participate in the E-SFSP program
- OHNS staff will be available to help RCCI sponsors receive approval for E-SFSP through the rest of SY20-21.

Action Items for RCCI Sponsors:

- 1-Complete the SFSP Training Modules available via the [SFSP Training Quick Start Guide](#)
- 2- Participate in a special webinar on how to complete the application and get questions answered from OHNS staff. Date and time TBD
- 3-Complete the 2020 Extended-SFSP MEGS+ Application

Child Care Relief Fund Grants Round 6

- The Child Care Relief Fund is a grant program that helps childcare providers cover costs during COVID-19.
- The goal of the program is to help childcare providers stay in business and make childcare more affordable for families.
- Application deadline extended to November 13, 2020.
- Funds are only available to open and licensed providers.
- Grants available on first come-first serve basis.
- Funds awarded for business interruption due to COVID-19.
- Additional information: www.michigan.gov/childcare

CACFP Reimbursement Rates

At-Risk Afterschool Program (ARAS) Area Eligibility Waiver

- All schools are eligible to participate regardless of location.
- All meal reimbursed at Free rate (Category A).

CACFP Reimbursement Rates valid July 1, 2020 –June 30, 2021.

- Afterschool Snacks - \$0.96
- Supper - \$3.51
- An additional \$0.2450 cash-in-lieu of commodities is paid for each supper served.

May claim one snack and/or one supper per child per day.

No application deadline.

Additional assistance: MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov

CACFP ARAS Meal Pattern

Snack

Must serve 2 of the 5 components:

- Fluid Milk
- Vegetable
- Fruit
- Grain
- Meat or meat alternate

Supper

Must serve 1 item from each of the 5 components:

- Fluid Milk
- Vegetable
- Fruit (or second vegetable)
- Grain
- Meat or meat alternate

What Questions do you have?

Please enter your questions in the chat box.