



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) News and Updates

June 7, 2021

Town Hall has been moved from June 9 to June 23!

Looking for Summer feeding activities?

Community Kicks (CK) is a community program designed to teach basic soccer skills and nutrition and relate them to skills needed in life to be successful. Taught by world champion soccer player and 2-time Olympic gold medalist, Lindsay Tarpley, kids will learn soccer skills, basic nutrition tenets and life-skill qualities. The lessons can be found [online](#) so the families can scan a QSR code to get them.

Goal

Create a positive experience at summer meal sites, encourage return participation, get kids active and educate on nutrition.

What

Order free resources through Milk Means More to support your summer feeding program. You will receive 4 weeks of giveaways for distribution to site attendees.

Week 1: Community Kicks lunch bag and Lindsay Tarpley player card

Week 2: Lesson 2 Player Card

Week 3: Lesson 3 Player Card

Week 4: Lesson 4 Player Card & Stanley player card

*Each player card includes a link to the Community Kicks website where kids can access interactive soccer and nutrition videos from Lindsay and her community coaches.

How to Order

Order from the CK [webpage](#).

Direct order [link](#).

Resources will be shipped in early to mid June.

No Kid Hungry Resources

Check out these resources from No Kid Hungry to increase parent and school nutrition staff understanding of PEBT:

[Fast Facts on Pandemic EBT for School Nutrition Staff](#) School nutrition staff are trusted by families as sources of information on Pandemic EBT (P-EBT). However, P-EBT looks a little different this school year compared to last year. As P-EBT benefits for this school year continue to roll out across the country, this one-pager gives school nutrition staff a quick background and answers some common questions: **[Five Things to Know About P-EBT for Families](#)** It answers five key questions about P-EBT for families:

- What is P-EBT?
- How much is the P-EBT benefits?
- Who qualifies for P-EBT?
- How do families receive P-EBT benefits?
- Do families need to apply for P-EBT benefits?

This resource is also [available in Spanish](#).

Looking for activities for afterschool snacks or SUMMER MEALS? Check out these resources from No Kid Hungry:

[Recipe & Food Skills Handouts To Share Alongside Summer Meals](#) Bright and colorful recipe and food skills handouts to share with kids, teens, and their families participating in the summer meals program.

[Virtual and Print Enrichment Activities - UPDATED](#) Although enrichment activities are still required in order to serve afterschool meals and snacks this school year, [USDA guidance](#) permits virtual and take-home activities. To help get sponsors through the rest of the school year, we have a new set of [virtual](#) and [print](#) enrichment activities. And while intended to support afterschool meals sites, [these activities](#) are also great alongside summer meals!

ICN's eLearning Portal has a new name and fresh, new look! Now you can iLearn...Anytime, Anywhere!

Team Nutrition is excited to announce the Institute of Child Nutrition's updated eLearning Portal, now with a fresh, new look and a new name: iLearn!

iLearn provides self-paced, free online learning and offers users the flexibility to complete courses in multiple sessions on desktop, laptop, or mobile devices. ICN has added new features that enhance the eLearning experience, including:

Personalized Profiles: Users can select English or Spanish and their Child Nutrition Program to complete their personalized profile. Courses are now organized to align with USDA's Professional Standard Codes and SNA Key Areas, allowing users to find what is needed to complete their goals!

Users will be required to update their profile, language, and area of emphasis in the new iLearn platform when first logging in.

Online Courses in Spanish: iLearn includes ICN's first Spanish online course, Nutrición 101 4ta Edicion. Users can also select Español in their profile for a translated online experience.

iLearn @ ICN Mobile App: Child Nutrition Professionals can download the app and iLearn @ ICN on the go! The iLearn mobile app is available in [Google Play](#) and in the [Apple App Store](#).

Coming Soon - Live Webinars! Child Nutrition Professionals can register and attend ICN's scheduled live webinars on iLearn and keep all information and certificates in one location.

Happy 10th Birthday MyPlate!

Ten years ago, USDA updated the Federal nutrition symbol to become MyPlate. This simple graphic serves as a general healthy eating guide on what and how much to eat from each of the five food groups – fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy or fortified soy alternatives. Over the last ten years, MyPlate has grown to provide consumers, health professionals, and nutrition educators with free print materials, digital tools, and other resources that can be personalized to meet an individual's need. Join in the birthday fun by celebrating throughout the month of June:

- **Check out the [Ten Ways to Celebrate MyPlate's Birthday](#):** Follow along as we highlight ten fun activities to do throughout the month with MyPlate.
- **Join the [Start Simple with MyPlate App Challenge](#):** Download our free app to set simple food group goals. Complete 10 food group goals of your choice within the month of June and earn a MyPlate birthday badge.
- **[Share Your MyPlate Moments](#) from the last ten years:** Tell us about fun MyPlate activities or how MyPlate has helped you or others over the years. Be sure to tag @MyPlate and use the hashtag **#MyPlateTurns10**.
- **[Use MyPlate Birthday Graphics](#):** Wish MyPlate Happy Birthday by updating your virtual teleconference background or sharing a birthday graphic on social media.

CEP Updates

Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for SY 21-22

The Free and Reduced-Price Meal application packets and income eligibility guidelines for SY 21-22 are updated and posted to the [SNP website](#). For sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (NSLP-SSO), we have developed a template letter that can be accompany the application packet.

CEP Household Information Report for SY 21-22

The CEP Household Information Reports (HIR) for SY 21-22 have been updated and posted to the [CEP Forms & Instructions webpage](#). There are two versions available to use. One version of the form uses annual income ranges and the other uses household size and monthly income. For sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (NSLP-SSO), we have developed a template letter that can be accompany the HIR.

Questions regarding CEP may be directed to Natalee Mickelson, School Nutrition Programs, by email at MickelsonN@michigan.gov.

CEP School and District Level Data

CEP school and district level data has been posted to the [CEP Resources webpage](#). The spreadsheets reflect participating sites, eligible sites (ISP 40% or greater), and near eligible sites (ISP 30% to 39.99%) based on certified spring general collection data. This data will allow you to start the process of exploring CEP eligibility for your district or whether renewing your CEP application to increase your CEP reimbursement percentage is needed for your district.

Serving Meals At No Cost After The 21-22 School Year with CEP

Do you want to keep offering free breakfast and lunch meals to your students past the 21-22 school year? Do you want to lock in a higher meal reimbursement rates beyond the 21-22 school year? If you have buildings in your district that are eligible or near eligible ([click here to check the list](#)), you do not want to miss out on this webinar to learn more about what CEP can do for families and students in your district! Join us to learn more about why CEP is a good choice and how to take a closer look at the financial implications by utilizing the new CEP Calculator Tool from No Kid Hungry.

Date: Monday, June 14th

Time: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Registration required: [Click here to register](#)

Upcoming Events

School Nutrition Association of Michigan

Topic: Present with Confidence

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

We all want to effectively express our ideas, represent our organizations, and develop our people. Doing all of these successfully is more likely if we are comfortable with public speaking. If we don't work to be better speakers, it may also hinder our ability to grow as leaders. You're not alone, though, if this isn't your favorite thing to do! Many people aren't comfortable speaking in front of groups, but it's often difficult to find opportunities to practice and improve. Learn techniques and basic steps to grow your confidence as a speaker to a variety of audiences.

CEU Credit: 1 Hour. USDA Professional Standard- *4140- Develop communications skills.*

Presenter:

Scott Little has been Executive Director of the School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) since 2013. He is also an Associate Executive Director for the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO). Scott works with both organizations to provide professional development, leadership, and other services. A main focus is to represent all those working in school support services within the school community, helping others recognize and value the services provided in these areas to students and staff.

[Register now!](#)

Town Hall Meetings

Topic: Town Hall Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89930794471?pwd=WFZEYTRlcEhac1ludzK1c1VmZlQ4UT09>

Password: YKVB71

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397
USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)
Conference code: 806533

Updates, Guidance, and Regulation Information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar Rescheduled

USDA Team Nutrition's next *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* webinar on "Serving Snacks in the CACFP" has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2021.

The English webinar will be offered at:

- Eastern Time: 2-2:30 p.m.
- Central Time: 1-1:30 p.m.
- Mountain Time: 12-12:30 p.m.
- Pacific Time: 11-11:30 a.m.

The Spanish webinar will be offered at:

- Eastern Time: 3-3:30 p.m.
- Central Time: 2 -2:30 p.m.
- Mountain Time: 1-1:30 p.m.
- Pacific Time: 12-12:30 p.m.

Registration for this webinar will be available in August, with enhanced capacity to accommodate up to 3,000 attendees. This webinar will offer closed captioning during the presentation, and other accommodations may be available upon request.

For more information, and to watch recordings of previous webinars, please [visit](#). The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) offers continuing education credits to those who view live and recorded webinars. Additional information on this opportunity is available from [NCA](#). For accompanying training materials, presentation slides, and other tools for selected *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* webinar recordings, please visit [training tools](#).

Now Available! Child Nutrition Database Release 24

The *Child Nutrition Database, Release 24 (CN24)*, is now [available](#). The CN24 is a required database for nutrient analysis software approved by USDA for use in school meals.

Action Steps for Nutrient Analysis Software Companies:

To maintain USDA approval, software companies must submit their nutrient analysis and certification of compliance software, updated to include CN24, to the USDA Software Evaluation Team by **Thursday, July 1, 2021**. Instructions for submitting software to USDA is being provided directly to USDA-approved software companies. New companies seeking approval should contact the USDA Software Evaluation Team at cnpntab@usda.gov.

FNS recommends that companies also send a copy of their updated software to their customers by July 1, 2021.

Action Steps for State Agencies, School Food Authorities (SFAs), and Local Schools:

After July 1, 2021, State agencies, SFAs, and local schools should verify with their nutrient analysis software company to ensure that the software includes the most current version of the Child Nutrition Database (version CN24).

Share Your Child Nutrition Program Trainings and Resources on the Child Nutrition Sharing Site!

The Child Nutrition Sharing Site (CNSS) is an online information center hosted by the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) that provides Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs) with an avenue for sharing resources related to program operations.

You're invited!

CNP operators are invited to submit their resources to the CNSS that other program operators may find useful, using the online Resource Submission Form available on the CNSS site. This will help ICN to build a reservoir of resources that will ensure child nutrition professionals have access to helpful tools, templates, training curriculums, videos, and information that support CNP operations. ICN is currently accepting resources on CNP topics such as menu planning, meal pattern requirements, nutrition education, program financial management, COVID-19, emergency preparedness, procurement, and more! Submitted resources are posted and shared through the CNSS Resource Hub.

It's easy to submit resources!

To submit your resources to the CNSS, visit the Submission Form. The CNSS submission form will walk you through the following steps:

- Step 1: Read through ICN's CNSS guidance so you know what to expect after you submit your resource to the CNSS. ICN is on standby for any questions you may have at cnss@theicn.org.
- Step 2: Indicate if your resource is for CN programs or if your resource is specifically for Farm to School. Enter information about your resource in the CNSS resource submission form.
- Step 3: Upload your resource files or provide links to your program's webinars and training videos. ICN accepts Microsoft Word documents, PowerPoint slides, Excel spreadsheets, PDF files, video files, and more!
- Step 4: Provide your contact information. You will receive a confirmation email after your resource is submitted, an email notification if there are

questions about your resource, and a final email notice when your resource has been approved and added to the CNSS.

- Step 5: Click the submit button and your resource and information will be sent to ICN.

After ICN receives your resource, ICN will review the resource to ensure it is relevant and appropriate for CNPs. It will also be reviewed to ensure all hyperlinks are active. You will receive feedback regarding your resource within six to eight weeks of receipt by ICN. When the volume of submissions is high, this timeframe may be extended. If the resource is approved, it is automatically posted to the CNSS Resource Hub and categorized accordingly. You will be sent a direct URL to the resource at the email address you provided.

New! Farm to School Resources!

In collaboration with the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Community Food Systems, ICN has added a Farm to School topic area to the CNSS Resource Hub! ICN is currently building the Farm to School database and welcomes YOUR farm to school resource submissions through the CNSS resource submission form.

Check it out!

Visit the [CNSS Resource Hub](#) to view and/or download resources.

For more information on submitting resources, view the [CNSS Resource Submission Guide](#).

[CNSS Resource Submission Form](#)

Reminders and Due Dates

ACTION NEEDED: Linking MILogin and MEIS

We want to remind everyone about the messages coming through MEGS+ requesting users to create a MILogin for Third Party account and link that account to their current MEIS account.

This is a requirement and the first step in the transition to our new system, NexSys. If you haven't done this already, please do so as soon as possible. [Instructions](#) on how to complete this are available.

By getting this step done now, it will save time and added stress when users are finally required to access and work in NexSys.

Training Corner

Core Competencies for New Directors

Registration for SY 21-22 Core Competencies for New Directors class is open. The class kicks off in August and will have virtual monthly meetings through the school year. This class replaces School Meals Overview Training (SMOT). Register [here](#).

Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar

During this time of necessary social distancing, it is very important for the field to have access to all the virtual trainings available to them, to help them continue to do their jobs. If you are offering an online/virtual training, please fill out and submit this questionnaire: [I want my training added to the Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#). Be sure to fill out ALL of the information including NA if the question does not apply. Trainings cannot be added to the calendar without the complete information.

Please visit the [Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#), a one-stop-shop calendar that lists child nutrition trainings across the state. The more trainings listed, the better the calendar will be for our Child Nutrition Programs!

If you have questions, contact MDE-MINutritionTraining@michigan.gov.

[How to Access the Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#).



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: When can I expect more information on the P-EBT Local Cost Grants?

Answer: MDE is waiting for more guidance from the USDA on how to proceed with the grants. We hope to announce more later this month.

Question: When can I begin NSLP SSO?

Answer: The SFSP must end before the first day of school and NSLP/SBP or NSLP SSO will begin the first day of the new school year. Let us know if you have a specific situation so we can work with you to decide the best option.

Question: Our food service director is retiring soon. Where can I go to find information about hiring standards for a new director?

Answer: For information about minimum education standards and other hiring requirements, please visit the [MDE Professional Standards webpage](#).

Contact Us

Email: MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov

Nutrition Gateway: The Michigan Department of Education [Nutrition Gateway](#) provides Child Nutrition Program (CNP) agencies a singular system to access annual CNP applications (MEGSplus), monthly claims (MIND) and periodic administrative reviews (GEMS/MARS) through an integrated dashboard and portal.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving the Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates and Bulletins, visit [Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates Subscription](#).

Support

[School Nutrition Programs](#)

www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition
Email: MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov

[Summer Food Service Program](#)

www.michigan.gov/sfsp
Email: mde-sfsp@michigan.gov

[Child and Adult Care Food Program](#)

www.michigan.gov/cacfp
Email: mde-cnap-cacfp@michigan.gov

[Food Distribution](#)

www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp
Email: mde-fmfd@michigan.gov

[Fiscal and Administrative Services](#)

www.michigan.gov/mde-fast
Email: MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov

[Procurement and Contracts](#)

www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts
Email: mde-fsmc-vended@michigan.gov

[School Health and Safety](#)

www.michigan.gov/cshsp

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1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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USDA Civil Rights Complaint Links:

https://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Complain_combined_6_8_12.pdf

<https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint>

Links Used in this Document:

<https://www.communitykicks.org/>

<https://www.communitykicks.org/learnsoccer>

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6334848/Community-Kicks-2021>

<https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/resource/fast-facts-pandemic-ebt-school-nutrition-staff>

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/resource/five-things-know-about-new-pandemic-ebt-p-ebt-benefit-families>

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<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/resource/recipe-handouts-share-alongside-summer-meals>

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus-response-recovery/back-school#afterschool-meals-resources>

https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP24_CACFP13_SFSP13-2020s.pdf

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/resource/virtual-enrichment-activities>
<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/resource/print-enrichment-activity-materials>
<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus-response-recovery/back-school#afterschool-meals-resources>
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.theicn.ilearn&hl=en_US&gl=US
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/icn-ilearn/id1556705864>
<https://www.myplate.gov/birthday#10ways>
<https://www.myplate.gov/resources/tools/startsimple-myplate-app>
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https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2021_CEP_Notification_for_Eligible_Sites_Reduced_Size_726835_7.pdf
https://strength.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJclf-GqqDgtE9wX4lsW_h97Sp0TJXHW6x4z
<https://michigansna.org/meet-reg1.php?id=614>
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/halftime-cacfp-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series>
<https://www.cacfp.org/learning-center/>
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/training-tools-cacfp>
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/child-nutrition-database>
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/core-competencies-training-for-new-directors-school-year-2021-2022-registration-155987949155>
<https://theicn.org/cnss/resources>
<https://theicn.org/cnss/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CNSS-Submission-Guide.pdf>
<https://theicn.org/cnss/public-resource-submission/>
https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_50144_76830---,00.html

<https://mdoe.state.mi.us/gems/public/QuestionnaireHome.aspx?code=i4a9scdr>
<https://mdoe.state.mi.us/gateway/Authentication/TrainingCalendar>
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Michigan_Nutrition_Training_Calendar_Access_678629_7.pdf
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIMDE/subscriber/new?topic_id=MIMDE_229