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Office of Nutrition Services

Town Hall

March 13, 2024

We will begin at 2:00 pm





Welcome!

- Please use the “Q & A” option for all questions (not the chat box.)
- MDE staff will only respond to questions in the Q & A so all participants can see the questions and answers.
- MDE staff will enter helpful links, etc. in the chat box for easy access.

Happy to have you with us!

- Town Hall PowerPoints are posted on MDE's Food & Nutrition Programs main page. When on the MDE website, click on Services, Food & Nutrition Programs, then click on "Go to Food & Nutrition Programs."
- Professional Development Certificate for today's meeting will be added to the end of the slide deck when posted to the MDE website
- Upcoming Town Hall: May 1

Fiscal Year 2025 Coordinated Application

- The 2025 Coordinated Application in NexSys is ready
 - Application includes SFSP, CACFP, and NSLP/SBP
- Release will happen in 2 waves starting with those that participated in the Summer Food Service Program last year
- First wave of the application was released Monday, March 11th
- Second wave (everyone else) available late-April, early-May
- If you are new to SFSP or plan to participate in SFSP and do not see the application, email MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov
- SFSP Application is due Thursday, May 9, 2024
- Applications must be completed and approved by MDE before SFSP operations can begin

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- FFVP Reminders:
 - FFVP funds should be drawn down MONTHLY, but not until *after* the snack is served *and* associated invoices have been paid. Please note, that funds cannot be drawn down in advance.
 - All drawdowns must be supported by documentation (i.e., invoices, timesheets) and kept for 3 years, plus the current year.
 - Only NexSys users with “Accounting – Entity Certifier” clearance can conduct drawdowns in NexSys. Funds must be entered *and* certified.
 - Check with your business office to make sure that they are drawing down grant funds in NexSys.



Ramadan Waivers

- Available Waivers:
 - *Non-Congregate Meal Service (NSLP and SBP)*
 - *Meal Service Times (NSLP and SBP)*
 - *Offer Versus Serve (NSLP)*
- Note: Available waivers do not include 7 CFR 210.10(a), 7 CFR 220.2 (Breakfast), and 7 CFR 220.8(a), therefore, meals must be served directly to eligible children.
- For approval to use these waivers, complete the following survey:





Celebrate Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week March 10-16, 2024

- The CACFP helps serve over 4.5 million children and adults' healthy meals and snacks daily
- The CACFP community works to ensure that all participants have access to healthy foods
- Participants receive healthy and nutritious meals through CACFP
- The CACFP helps children and adults learn healthy eating habits across the life cycle

For more information and resources:

[National CACFP Week - National CACFP Sponsors Association](#)

CACFP Thinking Thursdays

- Thursday, March 28, 2024
- Topic: CACFP Meal Pattern Basics
- Zoom Webinar Registration Required
- https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Sxmw6qdcTpaTsjwR0rOx6Q

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Trainings

- Wednesday, April 10, 2024- Wayne RESA
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfsp-annual-training-tickets-796072603587?aff=oddtcreator>
- Wednesday, April 17, 2024- Forest Hills Fine Arts Grand Rapids
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfsp-annual-training-tickets-796075602557?aff=oddtcreator>
- Monday, April 29, 2024- Lansing
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfsp-annual-training-tickets-796084007697?aff=oddtcreator>
- Wednesday, May 8, 2024- Gaylord
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfsp-annual-training-tickets-796077999727?aff=oddtcreator>
- Monday, May 13, 2024- Marquette Alger RESA
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfsp-annual-training-tickets-796080035817?aff=oddtcreator>

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Office Hours

- Thursday, March 21, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86039258210>
- Thursday, March 28, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87536968758>
- Thursday, April 4, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83419828613>
- Thursday, April 11, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83906774708>
- Thursday, April 18, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83011233253>
- Thursday, April 25, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84629659364>

Rural Non-Congregate (RNC) Process to Participate

- Determine if site is eligible
- Submit Intent to Participate Form
- Review online RNC training
- Complete Coordinated Application
- Train staff
- Email mde-sfsp@michigan.gov for questions

Rural Designation Map



- Rural Designation Map used to determine site eligibility
- Green= Rural

Procurement Policies & Procedures



Are Child Nutrition Program Sponsors required to have a Procurement Policy and Procurement Procedures?

- Michigan Legislature – Section 380.1274 states that: “The board of a school district or board of directors of a public-school academy shall adopt written policies governing the procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment.”
- Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR), Part 200, subpart D, Procurement Standards (2 CFR 200.318(a)) requires all Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Sponsors to develop and maintain a written code of conduct, and procurement procedures.

Procurement Team Contact Information

NEW MAILBOX!

MDE-CNP-Procurement@michigan.gov

For all Child Nutrition Program related Procurement questions

MDE-FSMC-Vended@michigan.gov

For all Food Service Contract related questions and inquiries.





Research study

- Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI)
- Challenges and opportunities surrounding school nutrition and local food purchasing
- Sample of food service professionals
- Virtual interviews – April and May 2024

Supporting the Use of Traditional Indigenous Foods in the Child Nutrition Programs Cooperative Agreement

**Proposals due on grants.gov by
11:59PM ET on April 8, 2024**

- \$250,000-\$500,000 each will be awarded to up to four organizations
- The Lead Applicant must be led and staffed primarily by members of Federally Recognized Tribes and/or Native Hawaiians but may have partners that are not
- The program is intended to help address the following barriers to serving traditional Indigenous foods:
 - Product availability and procurement
 - High cost
 - Lack of scratch cooking capacity
 - Schools located in remote or rural areas
 - Inadequate access to transportation
 - Inadequate access to high-speed internet
 - Language barriers
 - USDA regulations that may be difficult to understand
 - Schools with lack of access to training and resources
- **Proposals must support:**
 - Procurement, preparation and crediting of traditional Indigenous foods
 - Culturally relevant nutrition education materials for students
 - Training and technical assistance for school nutrition professionals



Lake Michigan School Food System Innovation Hub

The Lake Michigan School Food System Innovation Hub supports people working to improve meals in schools across Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana — especially in areas that don't have equitable access to resources. With support from the USDA, they offer funding, training and other help to collectives of schools, school districts, organizations, farmers, producers, suppliers and distributors

This is a great opportunity to make your Farm to Program dreams come true!

Ideas to Consider

- Establishing or expanding a food hub
- Culturally relevant foods
- School garden equipment and supplies
- Food and nutrition education for students
- Staff training on handling fresh produce
- Farm field trips and farmer visits
- Seasonal food recipe development
- Local food delivery cost-sharing with other SFAs
- Equipment or staffing to increase scratch cooking

HMI Recognition Awards

- The Healthy Meals Initiatives (HMI) Recognition Awards celebrate sponsors that have made significant improvements to the nutritional quality of their school meals, and spotlight innovative practices and student and community engagement activities.
- Applicants can request a State Agency Letter of Support from MDE by June 23, 2025:
- Application Deadline: **June 30, 2025**
- Recognition award categories:
 - Breakfast Trailblazer Award
 - Small and/or Rural SFA Breakfast Trailblazer Award
 - Lunch Trailblazer Award
 - Small and/or Rural SFA Lunch Trailblazer Award
 - Innovative School Lunch Makeover Award
 - Innovation in the Cultural Diversity of School Meals Award
 - Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals Award
 - Innovation in Nutrition Education Award



School Year 22-23 Excess Fund Balances

- Notifications for Spend Down Plan of Actions went live
- Due April 4th
- Training required for Sponsors that are new to having an EFB this year or for new Business Managers or Food Service Directors that did not take the training last year
- EFB must be spent down by June 30, 2024, or request a Carryover Extension
- Resources available at: www.michigan.gov/mde-fast
- Questions? Contact us at: MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov

Food Safety Reminders

Per 7 CFR 210.13, school food authorities must have:

Two food safety inspections

Written food safety program based on HACCP





2024 NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH®

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National Nutrition Month (NNM)

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- 2024 Theme: Beyond the Table
- NNM graphics, resources, & celebration ideas:



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Questions?

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