



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) News from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

April 24, 2025

Step Up for School Wellness

On behalf of the Building Healthy Communities partnership, the Michigan Department of Education would like to announce the release of the 2025-2026 Step Up for School Wellness program application, open now through May 30, 2025.

This program is recognized by health and education leaders as a successful and innovative school-based program that empowers school health teams to take education to the next level by making student and staff well-being a priority.

All Michigan private nonprofit and public schools, including public school academies and traditional public schools, can apply for the *Building Healthy Communities: Step Up for School Wellness* (BHC: SUFSW) program and receive the curriculum, equipment, funding, and coaching support needed to create a healthier school environment that can help students and staff:

- develop lifelong healthy behaviors
- reduce the incidence of obesity and undernourishment
- reduce absenteeism
- address trauma
- nurture a more productive teaching and learning atmosphere

Visit the application website to view the Request for Applications and register for the informational webinar. Contact BHCStepUp@arewehealthy.com with questions.

10 Cents a Meal Updates and Reminders

2024-2025 Grant Award Reallocation Deadline Reminder – May 19, 2025

MDE was able to reallocate funding from other sources to offer supplemental funds to 10 Cents a Meal grantees that spend 50% or more of their 2024-2025 grant award by May 2025.

To be eligible for supplemental funds, please make sure that you are up to date on submitting your September 2024-May 2025 10 Cents a Meal purchases in GEMS/MARS by Monday, May 19, 2025.

Grantees that have not spent 50% or more of their current grant award by May 19, 2025, will have their grant award automatically decreased to make funds available for other grantees. Grantees will have the opportunity to amend their application after June 2025 to request a change to the automatic reallocation.

Failure to spend most of your 2024-2025 award may decrease the likelihood of receiving a future grant award as the percentage of your budget spent during 2024-2025 will be considered when reviewing your 2025-2026 application, with preference given to grantees who spend a high percentage of their award.

Please contact MDE-FarmtoProgram@Michigan.gov with any questions.

National Farm to School Network - Farm to School Federal Impact Survey Available

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service has officially terminated the second round of the [Local Food for Schools and Child Care](#) (LFSCC) program as well as its sibling [Local Food Purchasing Assistance](#) Program. LFSCC was set to provide state agencies with \$660 million for schools and child care sites to purchase local food over the next three years.

National Farm to School Network (NFSN) aims to shed light on the impact this decision will have for each state's farmers and the child nutrition programs working every day to nourish kids. You can use the NFSN [Impact Form](#) to share how this will affect your community.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Updates and Reminders

Rural Non-Congregate (RNC) Updates

All sponsors that are **NEW to RNC** (did not participate in RNC in the summer of 2024) and planning to serve this summer:

1. Will need to complete the [Rural Non-Congregate \(RNC\) Intent to Participate Form](#)
2. View the [Rural Non-Congregate Training](#) located on the SFSP website under How to Apply, Rural Non-Congregate (RNC)
3. Meet with MDE staff to review their plan for RNC this summer. You can book your appointment with this link: [Book time with Jackson, Ericka \(MDE\): SFSP Consultation](#)

If you participated in RNC last summer (2024), review the [2025 RNC training](#) for updated guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture. You will need to add your RNC training date into the 2026 Coordinated Application Sponsor Details page.

MDE strongly suggests that RNC meal service distributions are no longer than **three hours** to ensure food safety and program integrity.

CNP Coordinated Application

The 2026 CNP Coordinated Application is live in NexSys. If you participated in the Summer Food Service Program last year, you will have an available application. The application is due by Thursday, May 8, 2025. If you are a sponsor new to SFSP this year, contact the SFSP team at MDE-SFSP@Michigan.gov to receive access to this year's application.

Important Things to Know:

Initiating the 2026 Application:

Please make sure that you are correctly initiating your 2026 application by selecting the option that includes **“COORDAPP-2025... (Application Approved)”**. Then click “Proceed”.

If you choose the option, “DO NOT COPY FORWARD” then **none** of the data from your previous application will pull forward into your new application and you will

start with a blank application. This would cause a lot more work for your organization!

CNP: Coordinated Application

Provided By: Office of Nutrition Services

Provided To: [Redacted]

Copy Forward Document: COORDAPP-2025- (Application Approved)

NexSys CNP Applications Availability Dates: 12/16/2024 12:00:00 AM - 12/16/2025 12:00:00 AM

Due Date: N/A

Proceed **Cancel**

2025 Summer Food Service Program Annual Training

As a reminder, the SFSP team is hosting in-person trainings around the state. This training provides all of the latest SFSP information and will prepare you for a successful summer! All new sponsors are required to take an in-person training and returning sponsors are required to take an in-person training at least once every three years.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 - Kirtland University Center, Gaylord

<https://forms.office.com/g/8PAUiYVxUk>

Monday, May 12, 2025 – Ottawa Building, Downtown Lansing

<https://forms.office.com/g/MCYmwyHXsW>

Monday, May 19, 2025 - Marquette-Alger RESA

<https://forms.office.com/g/ckQ0adn9gc>

Healthy Meals Incentives (HMI) Recognition Awards

As part of a cooperative agreement to develop and implement the USDA Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) Healthy Meals Incentives (HMI) Initiative, Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) is offering Recognition Awards to celebrate sponsors that have made significant improvements to the nutritional quality of their school meals.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through June 30, 2025, via the [My AFHK Portal](#). Before completing an application, sponsors must obtain a State Agency Letter of Support to disclose that they do not have any outstanding

corrective actions and that any previous findings have been resolved. Applicants can request a letter of support from [MDE HERE](#).

Interested sponsors can learn more about this opportunity on the [HMI Recognition Awards Webpage](#). Questions about the Recognition Awards and application can also be emailed to: award@healthymealsincentives.org.

New Managing Food Waste Website

While food waste may seem inevitable, there are a number of ways to combat it that not only protects our environment, but also benefits the quality of meals, reduces food costs, and positively impacts school communities. Check out our new website: [Solutions to Reduce Food Waste in Schools](#).

New School Nutrition Programs (SNP) Self-Monitoring Forms

The SNP unit recently updated and published the following self-monitoring forms on the [Self-Monitoring website](#):

- SNP Sponsor-Level Self-Monitoring Form
- SNP School-Level Self-Monitoring Form
- Afterschool Snack Program Self-Monitoring Form
- FFVP School Self-Monitoring Form

Updates to these forms include detailed directions to prevent common confusion and compliance issues observed in the field.

Sponsors can start using these forms in the upcoming 2025-2026 School Year.

Professional Standards and Online Training Modules

As the end of the 2024-2025 School Year approaches, SNP sponsors should reflect and ensure that their team(s) meet the [USDA Professional Standards annual training requirements](#). These requirements also apply to [Food Service Management Company \(FSMC\) Contract Overseers](#).

If you are looking for more training opportunities to meet these annual requirements, check out the SNP [Training website](#) for live and online options. New Online Training Modules include:

[Professional Standards](#)

[Food Safety](#)

[FFVP \(2026 update\)](#)

Michigan: What's for Lunch?

The Michigan: What's for Lunch? campaign is a promotional activity to highlight the high-quality lunches served to Michigan students/children every day at Child Nutrition Program sites across the state. The campaign will be hosted on the Michigan Department of Education social media platforms.

Thank You Sponsors!

The Office of Nutrition Services wants to thank all those sponsors that took the time to complete the School Food Needs Assessment from the Urban School Food Alliance. Michigan accounted for 8.9% of all survey responses and ranks fourth in total responses behind Texas, California, and Pennsylvania. As always, Michigan shows up big. Great Job!

New MIND 2.0 Dashboard and Features

If you have logged in to the Michigan Nutrition Data System (MIND 2.0) recently, you will notice a new look. The dashboard has been updated with relevant informational cards for the different programs or systems you participate in.

To access the claim sub-systems, simply click on "MIND Legacy" in the left menu bar. The user management and access request function has also been overhauled and is available from the left menu. Same functions, new location.

Resources and Training

Our team has created some training materials to assist you through the transition. See the following links for more information.

- [MIND Dashboard - Help Page](#)
- [MIND Request Access - Help Page](#)
- [MIND User Management - Help Page](#)
- [MIND Year End Report - Help Page](#)

System Access Help

If you have any trouble accessing this or any other system, contact us at MDE-ONS-Access@Michigan.gov. In the meantime:

- If you are unsure of what system you need access to, you can find a summary of each of the systems and what they do [HERE](#).
 - If you need step by step instructions for getting access to a system, you can find instructions [HERE](#).
 - You can find ALL of the system help documents [HERE](#).
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday at 2

Date: April 29, 2025

Time: 2-2:30 PM

Topic: USDA Foods

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89916656090>

Or Telephone:

USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

Tuesday at 2

Date: May 6, 2025

Time: 2-2:30 PM

Topic: Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81677185037>

Or Telephone:

USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

Tuesday at 2

Date: May 13, 2025

Time: 2-2:30 PM

Topic: All About Revenue from Non-program Foods

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86744718954>

Or Telephone:

USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

Tuesday at 2

Date: May 20, 2025

Time: 2-2:30 PM

Topic: Procurement Series: Group Purchasing Organizations

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88087304515>

Or Telephone:

USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

ONS Town Hall

Date: May 21, 2025

Time: 2-3 PM

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85869563842?pwd=T9VnA33yEbbHW24EwwwtC8Lt8qve8v.1>

Passcode: 833742

Or Telephone:

USA 404 443 6397 US Toll

USA 877 336 1831 US Toll-free
Conference code: 806533

School Meals Overview Workshop

Date: June 11-12, 2025

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: Delta Schoolcraft ISD, 2525 3rd Ave S., Escanaba, MI 49829

Registration: [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#)

Contact Us

Email: MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov

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School Nutrition Programs

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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-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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