



# Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) News and Updates

July 22, 2024

## Reminder: 2025 Coordinated Application Due Dates

The 2025 CNP: Coordinated Application is now available for all sponsors who participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, and/or Child and Adult Care Food Program. Application due dates are based on when you need a claim to be available. Please refer to the chart below for due dates:

Claim Month	Due Date
If you need an August 2024 claim	Wednesday, July 31
If you need a September 2024 claim	Thursday, August 29
If you need an October 2024 claim	Monday, September 30

### **Important Things to Know:**

- Initiating the 2025 Application
  - Please make sure to correctly initiate your 2025 application by selecting the option that includes “**COORDAPP-2024... (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 will cause a lot more work to be required in the application!

Resources to help sponsors with completing the application:

- There are program specific user guides and application page specific resources available [HERE](#).
- Resources to help sponsors with access to the application:
  - Information on how Level 5 users can add people to their organization and application in NexSys can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about your application, please contact your program analyst or send an email to [MDE-NutritionCoordination@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-NutritionCoordination@Michigan.gov).

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## Lake Michigan School Food System Innovation Hub awards

Two Michigan collaborations have been awarded United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds as part of the ongoing funding for School Food Systems Transformation. The sub-grants will support collaborative projects between school districts, food producers, suppliers, distributors, and/or community partners to stimulate the creation of a resilient, equitable, and nutritious school food system. This round of funding is the first of several from the [Lake Michigan School Food System Innovation Hub](#).

- Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) -Spark Award: \$74,898.
  - **Workshops to Expand Local Purchasing in Schools** - Create and pilot a series of six skill-development workshops aimed at food service directors and managers from districts that are already making local food purchases and will focus on seasonal menu development, procurement, and planning that can reduce barriers. The goal is to expand the pilot workshop series into a self-sustaining fee-based professional development offering.
- Partridge Creek Farm – Innovation Collaborative Award: \$245,229.
  - **Food Futures: Connecting Rural Production, Procurement and Processing in the UP through Education, Collaboration and Community** - develop local food sourcing practices, templates, training, and peer-to-peer learning for rural communities in their region of Upper Peninsula (UP) Michigan targeting farmers, food producers, food processors, and school foodservice directors to create food safe procedures to get local produce from farm to cafeteria by creating an integrated local supply chain, while engaging students' vision for school lunch.

- In partnership with: Northwoods Test Kitchen, Chartwells, MSU Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Marquette-Alger RESA, Ishpeming Public School District No 1, Negaunee Public Schools, Little Parsley Farm, U.P. Food Exchange

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## 10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms Program/Application Training

Join us for a workshop to learn how 10 Cents a Meal works, how to source local produce, and what is needed to participate. Bring your laptop if you would like help with completing your application during the session, or just bring your questions. Workshops are free, but registration is required.

**August 20 -Flint, MI- <https://forms.office.com/g/zSDQVTpGXr>**

2-4 pm  
Genesee ISD  
Erwin L. Davis Education Center  
2413 W Maple Ave  
Flint, MI

**August 22 – Macomb- <https://forms.office.com/g/BxTUnesU5Q>**

2-4 pm  
Macomb ISD  
Education Service Center  
44001 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI

**August 26 – Kalamazoo- <https://forms.office.com/g/LqXV5RPXCY>**

2-4 pm  
Kalamazoo Valley Community College Culinary and Allied Health Building  
418 E Walnut St Kalamazoo, MI

**August 29 – Lansing- <https://forms.office.com/g/j3wSDKfYTb>**

2-4 pm  
Allen Neighborhood Center  
1611 E Kalamazoo St Lansing, MI

**September 4 – Gwinn- <https://forms.office.com/g/iR3ASZG3xB>**

2-4 pm  
Gwinn High School  
50 W State Highway M35  
Gwinn MI

**September 5 – Traverse City- <https://forms.office.com/g/9h2Y1qXfbn>**

2-4 pm

Northwest Education Services Conference Center  
1101 Red Drive Traverse City, MI

**September 10 – Bay City- <https://forms.office.com/g/H9VwBRjXbg>**

2-4 pm  
Bay-Arenac ISD  
4228 Two Mile Rd.  
Bay City, MI

**September 12 – Muskegon- <https://forms.office.com/g/888Jm55U4C>**

2-4 pm  
Muskegon Area Career Tech Center  
200 Harvey  
Muskegon, MI

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## Get Schools Cooking

A program of Chef Ann Foundation, Get Schools Cooking (GSC) is an intensive 3-year assessment and strategic planning program that provides school districts with comprehensive support to transition from a heat and serve to scratch cook operational model.

GSC is open to school districts across the country thanks to generous support from the program's partners, including Whole Kids Foundation, the Rachael Ray Foundation, and an Anonymous Funder.

### Program Targeted Outcomes

1. Increase knowledge surrounding scratch cooking
2. Assist with implementing operational changes to support scratch cooking
3. Support districts working towards a scratch-cook meal program centered around fresh, whole foods

### Eligibility

To apply, school districts must meet the following criteria:

- Be firmly committed to working towards a scratch-cook meal program centered around fresh, whole foods
- Demonstrate support for improvement from district leadership
- Participate in the National School Lunch Program and run a self-operated food service program

The application opens August 1, 2024.

Learn more at [thelunchbox.org/gsc](https://thelunchbox.org/gsc).

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## System Access Help

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Nutrition Services is currently experiencing a transition with staff. Please be advised that responses to any system and/or access related questions may be delayed.

In the meantime, you may be able to find the answer(s) you need on our website.

- 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](#).

**The new mailbox for all system and access related questions is [MDE-ONS-Access@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-ONS-Access@michigan.gov).**

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## Grant Opportunities

### **Four USDA 2024 Farm to School grant awardees in Michigan**

USDA is awarding a record-breaking \$14.3 million in Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grants to 154 projects in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. These investments will help 1.9 million children eat more tasty, nutritious foods in school, while supporting farmers and producers in their local and regional communities. In Michigan, four projects were awarded:

- Kent Intermediate School District – \$100,000

This initiative will provide funding through a subaward to H.O.P.E. Gardens, a local nonprofit dedicated to “Helping Other People Eat” by empowering children, families, and communities to grow their own food and build skills in nutrition and sustainable living.

- Kids' Food Basket – \$100,000

Utilizing its 10-acre farm in Ottawa County, on-site greenhouse, and learning barn, Kids' Food Basket will improve access and exposure to local foods for elementary-aged children.

- Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc. – \$49,977

A Regional Approach to Farm to School in Rural Northeast Michigan will assemble a Farm to School Planning Committee with representatives from agriculture, food, and education in rural Northeast Michigan to conduct an inclusive and comprehensive action planning process for a regional approach to farm to school.

- National Kidney Foundation of Michigan – \$100,000

The project will include a planning year to develop and implement a Farm to Early Child Care Institute in year two, guided around Michigan's three pillars of farm to school--procurement, gardening, and nutrition agriculture education. The Farm to Early Child Care Institute will offer an interactive virtual workshop, peer to peer mentoring, and an opportunity for providers to build relationships and collaborate across the State.

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## Training Corner

### **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Meal Pattern Training**

The CACFP team is offering CACFP Meal Pattern training this summer. Sponsors that participate and claim meals in CACFP (early childhood programs, child care and/or at risk afterschool programs) need to understand the CACFP Meal Pattern. Please register using the links below. Classes are filling quickly, so please register soon.

Monday, [July 29, 2024](#), at the Gaylord Community Schools located at 615 South Elm Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Tuesday, [July 30, 2024](#), at the Gaylord Community Schools located at 615 South Elm Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

If the class is full, please use Brighton Michigan training – 505 A CACFP Meal Pattern Guide online and Michigan 506 CACFP Infant Meal Pattern. [CACFP Quick Start Guide-misponsortraining](#).

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** I forgot to add serving days in June to the SFSP Site Calendar. Can I add past serving days to the SFSP Site Calendar?

**Answer:** No. Sponsors are not allowed to retroactively add dates to the SFSP Site Calendar. Serving days must be approved prior to meal service.

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**Question:** Can someone else pick-up meals for children if they cannot during a meal distribution?

**Answer:** Yes, for rural non-congregate multiple meal distribution. If a parent/guardian cannot pick up meals for their children, they must have a permission slip to show who can pick up the meals and for how many children.

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## Contact Us

Email: [MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov)

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### School Nutrition Programs

[www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition](http://www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition)

Email: [MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov)

### Summer Food Service Program

[www.michigan.gov/sfsp](http://www.michigan.gov/sfsp)

Email: [mde-sfsp@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-sfsp@michigan.gov)

### Food Distribution

[www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp)

Email: [mde-fmfd@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-fmfd@michigan.gov)

### Fiscal and Administrative Services

[www.michigan.gov/mde-fast](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-fast)

Email: [MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov)

### Procurement and Contracts

[www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts)

Email: [mde-fsmc-](mailto:mde-fsmc-vended@michigan.gov)

[vended@michigan.gov](mailto:vended@michigan.gov)

**Child and Adult Care Food Program**

[www.michigan.gov/cacfp](http://www.michigan.gov/cacfp)

Email: [mde-cacfp@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-cacfp@michigan.gov)

**School Health and Safety**

[www.michigan.gov/cshsp](http://www.michigan.gov/cshsp)

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U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**  
[Program.Intake@usda.gov](mailto:Program.Intake@usda.gov)

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