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"It's more fun to talk to someone who doesn't use long difficult words, but rather short, easy words like 'What about lunch?"" -Winnie the Pooh



CNP Spring Review

Upcoming Training

Spring Business Meeting 20 April 2012 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Salt Lake City

RCCI Training South-7 May 2012 2:00-4:00 p.m. Cedar City North-16 May 2012 2:00-4:00 p.m. West Jordan

Menu Planning Workshop South-8 May 2012 8:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Cedar City North-16 May 2012 8:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. West Jordan

SNAU Preconference 12 June 2012 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Layton

Paid Lunch Equity: School Year 2012-2013

We recently sent out NSLP 18-12, Paid Lunch Equity bulletin. USDA's free reimbursement rate is considered to be the cost to produce a reimbursable meal. For school year 2012-13, if the sponsor's average price of paid lunches is \$2.51(minus liquor tax reimbursement) or more, it is in compliance. However, all LEAs must complete the PLE tool to arrive at the weighted average paid lunch price. All LEAs must submit a copy to their specialist. Please contact your specialist if you have questions.



Newbies

Nathan Taylor has joined our staff as a Child Nutrition Specialist. He graduated from Weber State University with a major in psychology and a minor in child and family studies. He loves to spend time with his family, especially his one-year-old son, and enjoys doing anything/everything outdoors!

Brita Ball is also a new Child Nutrition Specialist. She graduated from Brigham Young University with bachelor's and master's degrees in nutritional science. She grew up in the Phoenix valley and enjoys being outdoors running, hiking, and playing tennis.

Go Ahead, Spread the Word!

I cannot count the number of times I've heard someone say, "What's the Summer Feeding Program?" It seems many are still This can ensure that families who call in unaware that the program exists in their communities.

Outreach is a very important part of operating a successful site.

Many sponsors send home flyers at the end of the school year or place flyers on residences' doors. This is an effective tool, but imagine how many more people could be reached with reinforcements!

Did you know you can register your site or sites on the National Hunger Hotline? can locate sites in their area.

Also, public service announcements are available to send to your local radio stations. These have already been created for use, so additional work is unnecessary.

Please visit http://www.fns.usda/gov/ cnd/summer/Outreach.htm#PSA for more information.

USDA Foods

USDA regulations describe that a state cannot carryover more than a six-month supply at a commodity processor. Even though this is not a new requirement, there has recently been a greater emphasis put on inventory levels by the USDA.

Policy bulletin NSLP 19-12 covers different options to reduce inventory levels:

- 1. Not ordering more product if a processor has more than the six-month supply.
- 2. Transferring inventory at the processor between recipients within our state that can better utilize these amounts.
- 3. Transferring inventory to another processor.

Inventories are calculated on a 12-month period ending June 30. At the end of June our office will be calculating inventory, and if processors have excess inventory we will be reallocating balances between recipients. This may mean your district will lose the value of those foods.

New Regulation Resources

Hopefully everyone is excited and already preparing for the new regulations. There are still questions for which we are awaiting answers, but it is important to get started using the resources already available.

Training presentations, fact sheets, Q&As, guidance and technical assistance are available on the FNS website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/ Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm.

The food buying guide is being updated in stages. We should see the updated fruit and vegetables section later this spring.

The HealthierUS School Challenge Schools have already been serving whole grain foods, a variety of dark green and orange vegetables, and dry bean and peas. The application kit has some great guidance that will help in implementing these components. http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/HealthierUS/application june30-2012.html

Wellness Policy Updates

Section 204 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 expands the scope of local wellness policies. So what are the changes intended to do?

- Strengthen implementation and assessment.
- Expand the number of wellness committee members to include physical education and school health professionals, parents, students, school food authority representatives, school board members and administrators, and the public.
- Designate one or more LEA officials to ensure compliance.
- Evaluate implementation with periodic review and updates.
 Notify the public of the policy and assessment.
- Add goals for nutrition promotion.

Wellness Policy requirements are available online at http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Healthy/wellnesspolicy.html. Your district can receive a free wellness policy scorecard online at http://www.wellsat.org. For additional resources, contact our office.

CNPWeb Updates and Agreement Renewals

April means it's time to submit CNPWeb renewals! Follow these steps by **May 15, 2012**:

- 1. Select **2013** as the program year.
- 2. Under "Applications," update both the **Sponsor Info Sheet** and each **Site Info Sheet**—be sure to click "revise"!
 Consider these issues that may require changes:
 - A. If breakfast is served, will it follow the "old" meal pattern (traditional food-based or nutrient standard) or the "new" meal pattern?
 - B. Did meal prices change?
 - C. Are the correct months checked for each program?
 - C. Is the phone and e-mail info correct for all contacts?
- 3. Under "Packet," see if any offline forms are required. *Please note, <u>ALL SFAs</u> will need to submit new hard copy agreements this year!*
- 4. **Check the box** to submit it for state approval!

Vendor Agreements for SY 2012-2013

This message is for all schools who have meals provided by a vendor.

Each year, vendor agreements must be renewed. However, this year vendor agreements must be renewed *and* amended as a result of the meal pattern changes that go into effect July 1, 2012.

If your school purchases meals from the Statecontracted vendor Vie Gourmet, the amendment will be done at the state level. But each school is responsible for signing a renewal agreement with Vie Gourmet. This renewal agreement and more detailed instructions were provided to schools by the State Office via e-mail.

If your school purchases meals from a vendor other than the State-contracted vendor, your school is responsible for preparing and signing a contract amendment with your vendor. Materials and more detailed instructions regarding this process were provided to schools via e-mail.

