

NUTRITION NEWS

Helpful Hints & Tips | TA (SFSP) Edition IX

• Grant Funds Available! •

Good Sports and the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation (AFYF) have partnered to offer athletic equipment to community organizations across the state that are working to improve youth fitness, reduce childhood obesity, and promote healthy lifestyles.

The application period to apply for the next round of Good Sports - AFYF equipment donations is currently active and will close May 1, 2015. You can view and submit applications at www.goodsports.org.

If you have questions regarding the the grant or application, email community@goodsports.org.

A second grant opportunity is available through the USDA to school-based SFSP sites for Farm to School or Preschool Initiatives.

The application deadline is May 20, 2015. Institutions or sponsoring organizations interested in applying for the grant can click [here](#) for more information.

Refer to the heading “Available Farm to School Grant Program Funding” for information on an upcoming webinar that will explain the application process.

• Expansion Opportunities •

The following 14 counties did not have SFSP meal service in FY 2014 through DECAL or the Department of Education’s Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for schools.

Atkinson	Lanier	Stewart
Bacon	Oconee	Taliaferro
Baker	Pike	Warren
Clinch	Schley	Webster
Columbia	Seminole	

If you know of an organization in one of these 14 counties, please mention the SFSP to them or send their name and contact information to Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager at shani.drake@decalfga.gov.

Additionally, if you are interested in expanding your reach by taking on library sites, housing authority sites and rural development sites this summer, contact Shani Drake.

Several organizations are looking for sponsors like you to make an impact in their communities!

• Budget and Procurement Training •

Budget and procurement trainings will be held at locations across the state to help sponsoring organizations understand and become more familiar with regulations regarding budgeting and procurement in the SFSP.

Training dates and locations are below:

April 3, 2015
 GA International Convention Center
 College Park, GA
 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

May 8, 2015
 Sloppy Floyd State Office Building
 East Tower, Oak Conference Room
 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Register for training through [CNP 2000](#).

• **Save the Date: SFSP Quarterly Trainings** •

Nutrition Services is pleased to announce upcoming SFSP quarterly trainings to enhance your SFSP experience and improve program integrity.

Further information is forthcoming and will be available at www.decals.ga.gov. To register for “How to Complete the SFSP Application” training, register via [CNP 2000](#).

<u>Training</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Recordkeeping Practices for Meal Service Operations	May 7, 2015 9 AM - 11:30 AM; 1 PM - 3:30 PM	Webinar
Recordkeeping Practices for Administrative Operations	May 14, 2015 9 AM - 11:30 AM; 1 PM - 3:30 PM	TBD
How to Prepare for a SA Compliance Review	May 21, 2015 9 AM - 11:30 AM; 1 PM - 3:30 PM	Webinar
How to Complete the SFSP Application Training	April 24; May 21, 2015 10 AM - 3 PM	Twin Towers - Sloppy Floyd Building

• **CNP 2000 Upgrade in the Works** •



An exciting CNP 2000 upgrade is in the works!

The DECAL Nutrition Services team is working behind the scenes to upgrade and improve CNP 2000 to streamline your experience when working with your applications and online documentation.

More details will be provided on a monthly basis in Nutrition News, so be sure to continue reading the newsletters for important updates! Details will also be posted on the DECAL website.

• **USDA Webinars for SFSP Sponsors** •



Are you looking for ways to improve your summer meal service? Do you need ideas on ways to promote your sites or even hold kickoff events?

If so, the USDA has a series of webinars specifically tailored to the SFSP for you.

Click [here](#) for a list of webinars and to register for upcoming sessions.

• **Recently Released Policy Memoranda Now Posted Online** •

A new memo - “Assessing Costs in the SFSP” was issued March 26th and is now available online.

The memo provides guidance on the process Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and SFSP sponsors should use when considering proposed uses of the nonprofit food service account funds for SFSP-related costs.

This and other updated memoranda can be found [here](#).