

NUTRITION NEWS

Helpful Hints & Tips | SFSP Edition XXII

• Grant Opportunity for SFAs •



The Chef Ann Foundation is offering \$2,500 grants to schools for Project Produce: Fruit and Veggie Grants for Schools, a program that supports schools in purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables and showcasing them via planned lunchroom activities where students can taste fresh produce and take part in nutrition education.

Any district or independent school participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is eligible to apply. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis depending on funding.

To learn more about the Chef Ann Foundation, and the grant opportunity, visit this [link](#).

To begin your grant application, click this [link](#).

If you have additional questions, contact the Chef Ann Foundation at (303) 330-6484.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring children across the state have access to healthy meals during the summer months!

• SFSP Required Reconciliation Process •

In accordance with the policy memorandum entitled “[Simplified SFSP and Bright from the Start’s Annual Year End Reconciliation Process](#)” dated August 20, 2014, all organizations are required to complete and submit the SFSP Annual Year End Reconciliation Form. The form can be found on DECAL’s website [here](#).

The completed SFSP Annual Year End Reconciliation Forms are due by Monday, September 15, 2016. Please submit completed forms to Valesia Jones at Valesia.Jones@decals.ga.gov or via fax to (770) 342-7985.

• SFSP to CACFP Transition Training Info Session •



Nutrition Services is conducting training for SFSP sponsors interested in transitioning to the CACFP to continue serving meals year-round through the At-Risk After-school Program. The training will cover general CACFP requirements and the Child Care Services (CCS) process for obtaining a license or an exemption from licensure.

The following web-based training is scheduled for interested sponsors:

- Thursday, September 15, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Interested institutions can register themselves for this webinar using this [link](#).

• Thank You! •



Thank you for your commitment to ensuring children have healthy, well-balanced meals this summer! GA DECAL is continuing to work with sponsors across the state to facilitate continued expansion and increase SFSP access to children. In conjunction with expansion efforts of the Department of Education, there were 229 sponsors and 3,492 sites across the state of Georgia serving meals and snacks. Sponsors participating in the SFSP are serving meals in 104 counties across the state, an increase of 4% over 2015. Additionally, six of the nine FY 2016 targeted counties have at least one summer meals site. Preliminary data shows a slight increase in meals served in May and June with over 2.8 million meals served. Your commitment to your local communities ensures that children who did not have access to meals at all in their county last year, do have access to nutritious meals this year. Preliminary meal data indicates a likely increase in SFSP meals and snacks served year-over-year. Thank you for your hard work and tireless efforts to expand summer meals across the state of Georgia.

As summer begins to wind down, we encourage you to consider participating in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Program. As a sponsor of this program, your organization will be able to provide a free afternoon snack and supper meal to children in concert with approved afterschool programming at the licensed childcare or after-school facilities. An upcoming SFSP to CACFP Transition Info Training Session will be held Thursday, September 15th (10:00-11:30am) for all sponsors interested in or considering serving meals year-round. To register for training, see the link on page one.

We would like to thank you again for your commitment to providing healthy meals to children during the summer when school is out of session.

Thank you for all that you do and keep up the great work!

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• End-of-Summer Surveys •

Nutrition Services will be issuing an end-of-summer survey to get sponsors' feedback on their participation in the program. Questions will cover a variety of topics, and will include a number of open response questions. All survey responses will be submitted anonymously, and data from the responses will be gathered and reported to you. We will also use the findings to inform our decisions regarding training, technical assistance, outreach, and other processes.

Be on the lookout for emails from the SFSP account that will have survey instructions and the link to the survey.

We look forward to your responses!