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• Register for the 2016 SFSP Summit Today •

The Nutrition Services Division will be hosting the 2nd Annual SFSP Summit on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Loughmilk Conference Center in downtown Atlanta. The day will be filled with over 10 workshops including:

- Expanding & Building Capacity in Your Meal Service
- Creative Menu Planning with a Live Demonstration
- Financial Management & Planning

...and many more! During the final workshop block of the day there will be a closed session for experienced sponsors where you will receive program updates from Falita Flowers, Director of Nutrition Services. There will also be vendors exhibiting their products and services that may be of use to you. And as an added bonus, each attendee will be entered to win operational resources that could help make your summer meal service even more effective!

The registration link for the summit is now open. Visit this [link](#) to register your organizations. Note that a registrant can reserve up to four tickets for your organization. More than half of the tickets are already reserved!

For all questions, contact Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager at shani.drake@decals.ga.gov.

• Targeted Counties Progress & Planning for 2016 •

Through your efforts in concert with the Georgia Department of Education (DOE), unserved counties dropped from 14 to nine. We thank you for your efforts this summer in ensuring more children across more counties had access to healthy and nutritious summer meals.

We are now focusing our efforts on closing the gap of those nine counties that did not have meal service last summer. Those nine counties are:

Calhoun	Lanier	Seminole
Clinch	Oglethorpe	Taliaferro
Glascok	Schley	Webster

We encourage you to begin thinking about expanding your meal service into these counties. If you need ideas of sites or organizations that you can reach out to in these targeted counties, contact Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager at shani.drake@decals.ga.gov. With 2016 in our sights, now is the time to begin planning your meal service expansion!

• Recently Released Policy Memoranda •

Several new and updated policies have been issued for the SFSP, including:

- [Questions and Answers on the Transition to and Implementation of 2 CFR Part 200](#)
- [Excess funds in the CACFP and SFSP](#)
- [Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers](#)

All SFSP policies and policy memoranda information is available on DECAL's website [here](#) and [here](#).

• Release of DECAL’s GA ATLAS System •

GA ATLAS is DECAL’s “Access, Training and Learning Application System. SFSP sponsors will experience a more user-friendly system that will allow access to training registration and webinar or web-based training sessions; all-in-one CACFP and SFSP application, which eliminates the need for multiple applications; claims submission and processing, and the compliance review system.

GA ATLAS will be available to new and experienced SFSP sponsors on January 1, 2016. Annual training requirements for FY 2016 include attendance and completion of renewal training for experienced sponsors (1-day session) or Program and Orientation training for new sponsors (2-day session) and the “How to Complete the Application in GA ATLAS” training session. Sponsors must complete all training requirements in order to receive access to the GA ATLAS system. SFSP Sponsors will have the opportunity to view web-based tutorial sessions that provide an introduction to navigating through GA ATLAS prior to completing required training.

“How to Complete the Application in GA ATLAS” training session dates are listed below. Registration is now open as of January 4, 2016 at 9 AM. To register for the “How to Complete the Application in GA ATLAS training session, please contact Leslie Truman at 404.657.1779. Seating is limited. Therefore, sponsors are encouraged to register for training as soon as possible.

Date	Location	City	Time
January 22, 2016	Sloppy Floyd Building - Twin Towers	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
January 22, 2016	GA State University - Instruction Tech Center	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
January 22, 2016	Atlanta Technical College - Dennard Building	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
January 28, 2016	Central GA Technical College - Building 1 Computer Lab	Macon, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
February 11, 2016	GA Southern University - Lane Conference Center	Statesboro, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
March 9, 2016	GA State University - Instruction Tech Center	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
March 30, 2016	Central GA Technical College - Building 1 Computer Lab	Macon, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
April 13, 2016	GA Southern University - Lane Conference Center	Statesboro, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
May 4, 2016	Atlanta Technical College - Dennard Building	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-4:00pm
May 11, 2016	GA State University - Instruction Tech Center	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-4:00pm