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• SFSP Updated Policy Guidance and Memoranda •

Nutrition Services has released new policy guidance for all SFSP sponsors. Below is a list of the guidance:

• **DECAL Policy No. SFSP17-20**: This policy was revised from its previous version. Revisions include further guidance in the following sections:

    a) Common Financial Recordkeeping Requirements (page 2)

    b) Financial Management and the CACFP/SFSP Budget (page 5)

    c) Separations of Costs Records per Program for Multi-Program Organizations (pages 5 & 6)

    d) Use of a Separate Program Account vs. a Commingle Account (page 6)

The guidance serves as an addendum to the current CACFP and SFSP recordkeeping policies and addresses common problematic areas of program financial recordkeeping among SFSP organizations. Included in this guidance is a Financial Recordkeeping Checklist.

All SFSP policies and policy memoranda information are available on DECAL's website **here** and **here**.

• New Web-Based Interactive Food Buying Guide Now Available! •

The Nutrition, Education, Training, and Technical Assistance (NETTA) Division of the Food and Nutrition Services Child Nutrition Program Unit has released the first phase of the new web-based, interactive **Food Buying Guide** (FBG).

The features associated with this resource include search and navigation features, comparison features for yield information, and the ability for users to create and save favorite food lists. The tool also incorporates an exciting new feature: the Interactive Product Formulation Statement Workbook. This feature allows manufacturers to easily search and populate selected food items, calculate their product's contribution statement, and generate a document that provides crediting information for CN Program Operators.

• Requirements for Participation in the Non-Congregate Demonstration Project •

As a refresher, a sponsor must meet several requirements to participate in the Non-Congregate Demonstration Project. Under the demonstration project, SFSP sponsors operating approved outdoor meal sites without temperature-controlled alternative sites may operate as non-congregate sites on days when the area is experiencing excessive heat.

Non-congregate meal service shall be permitted only on days when the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Heat Advisory, an Excessive Heat Warning, or an Excessive Heat Watch for the area that has been approved for an outdoor meal site.

For summer 2017, interested sponsors must notify DECAL of their intent to participate in the demonstration project and must identify outdoor congregate meal sites lacking temperature-controlled alternative sites that would be included in the demonstration project before initiating their summer program.

For more information regarding the Non-Congregate Demonstration Project see this **memo**, which includes questions and answers. If you have questions regarding the memo, contact your assigned TA Coordinator or email **NutritionTA@decal.ga.gov**.

• SFSP-to-CACFP Transition Training •

As summer comes to an end, we ask you to consider providing PM snacks and supper meals to children in your communities through the At-Risk Afterschool component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Not sure how or where to get started? Then this training is definitely for you!

This informational session will provide SFSP sponsors who are interested in transitioning to the At-Risk Afterschool Program with general CACFP requirements, information on the Child Care Services (CCS) process for obtaining a license or exemption, and information regarding major differences in the two (CACFP and SFSP) child nutrition programs.

Two webinar sessions will be offered:
• Friday, August 25th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
• Thursday, September 14th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Click **here** to register for the training. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar. For questions regarding training registration, call (404) 657-1779.