



Scholarships Available for the 2018 Child Nutrition Conference!



The scholarship application for the 2018 National Child Nutrition Conference is open now through Wednesday January 24, 2018 for the event in April. Fifteen winners will receive complimentary conference registration, lodging and \$300 towards travel. The recipients will be selected by the conference committee and notified by February 9, 2018.

Scholarships are available in all the following categories:

- CACFP Sponsoring Agency
- Head Start, School District
- Food Bank
- Tribal Nation
- At-Risk/Afterschool
- Summer Food
- Child Care Center/Home Provider

For more information regarding the scholarship application and to apply, click [here](#). For more information about the 2018 National Child Nutrition Conference, visit this [link](#).

2017 SFSP End-of-Summer Survey



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We appreciate your participation in the 2017 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). To better understand your experiences as sponsors this year, we ask that you complete this end-of-summer survey. Your collected responses will be submitted anonymously and we will use the information to ensure we are providing you the resources you need to effectively and efficiently participate in the SFSP.

The survey covers an array of topics from the type of SFSP program you ran this summer to the customer service you received from Nutrition Services. We ask that your responses are as open and frank as possible. The feedback you provide will be used to guide Nutrition Services' offerings around the SFSP and how we can more effectively support your efforts.

This survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete. If you have any questions about the survey please contact Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager, at shani.drake@decal.ga.gov or (404) 656-3221.

Click [here](#) to access the survey.

Thank you for your commitment to serving children free and healthy meals during the summer months!



2018 SFSP Targeted Counties

Thanks to your hard work and dedication, there are only five Targeted Counties that we are focusing on for 2018. Targeted Counties are those counties that had no meal service through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) nor the Department of Education's Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program. We will be working to ensure that summer meals are served in these counties and that they all have multiple summer meal sites.

The five counties are:

1. Bacon
2. Crawford
3. Pike
4. Schley
5. Webster

2018 Experienced Sponsor Training Dates

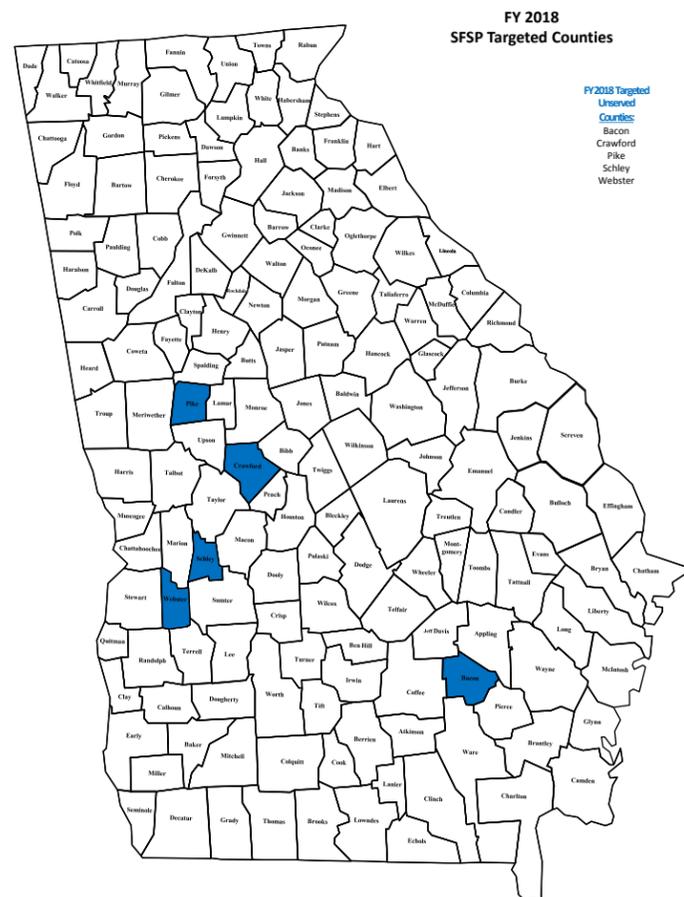
Mark your calendars! 2018 experienced sponsor training dates are below. Note that the dates and locations are listed for your convenience and are not yet available in GA ATLAS.

- January 30, 2018 - Atlanta, GA
- February 8, 2018 - Macon, GA
- February 22, 2018 - Atlanta, GA
- March 7, 2018 - Dublin GA

Stay tuned for more details!

Nutrition Ed Nook

The Value of a Paper Plate!



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This month's buzz is dedicated to physical activity for children in early care and education settings. All children from birth to six years should have two to three opportunities a day for active outdoor play, weather permitting. They should engage in two or more structured or teacher led activities per day such as games that involve active movement whether it is indoors or outdoors. Opportunities to continually develop age appropriate gross motor and movement skills are also recommended.

Using common resources around the center can be inexpensive and a creative way to get children moving in a structured physical activity. VOLIA! The paper plate is a common household item to get your children outdoors and moving. Nurture children's creativity by allowing them to decorate plates with pictures colors and words before using them in their outdoor activities.

CRUSING ACTIVITY! Pretend the paper plate is a steering wheel, and children drive around an outdoor area to develop cardiorespiratory endurance. Use a stop/go sign made from another plate to practice stopping and going on cue. Add music for more fun. Children can stop, go and change speeds according to the music.

Cheap, fun, and an awesome way to get children outside to play!

Click [here](#) for more paper plate physical activity ideas!

If you would be in need of outreach or marketing ideas to provide summer meals in these counties, please contact Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager, at shani.drake@decalfga.gov.