

NUTRITION NEWS

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CNP 2000 will soon become the Georgia Atlas Nutrition Program. The Nutrition Services team has begun testing the new tool.

To fully support our institutions and sponsors, DECAL will begin using the new tool for the SFSP FY 2016 season.

“How to Complete the SFSP Application in GA Atlas” training will be available in February 2016 and These trainings will walk sponsors and institutions through GA Atlas and ensure a successful transition to the new tool.

• Save the Date •



The 2nd Annual SFSP Summit will be Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at The Loudermilk Conference Center in downtown Atlanta.

Save the date and be on the look out for more details to come!

• Targeted Counties Progress and Planning for 2016 •

This summer we asked you to focus on eliminating as many targeted counties as possible. There were 14 targeted counties this summer that had no access to summer meals through the SFSP or the Department of Education’s Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in 2014.

Due to the collective efforts of your hard work as sponsoring organizations and school systems that participated through SSO, targeted counties decreased by 35.7%! Thank you for your efforts and dedication to ensure children across the state had access to healthy and nutritious meals.

Below, you will find the FY 2016 targeted counties. We encourage you to begin thinking about how you can ensure we have coverage in these nine counties next summer.

Calhoun	Lanier	Seminole
Clinch	Oglethorpe	Taliaferro
Harris	Schley	Webster

If you need ideas of sites or organizations you can reach out in these targeted counties, contact Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager at shani.drake@decals.ga.gov. It is never too early to begin planning for the summer season!

Thank you for your hard work in reducing the number of targeted counties and increasing access across the state!

• We Want To Hear From You •

To get insight into your summer meals season and uncover any obstacles or areas of opportunity for DECAL to address, we ask you to complete the end-of-summer survey. If you have already completed the survey, thank you very much.

New/Returning Sponsors, click [here](#) to take the survey.

Experienced Sponsors, click [here](#) to take the survey.

We will use this information to provide technical assistance and address the needs you identify. Thank you for your feedback. The surveys will close Wednesday, September 30th.

• Summer Meals Progress •



Your hard work in expanding access and serving more meals to children across the state has resulted in an increase of meals served this summer.

Your efforts ensured that 5,641,106 meals and snacks were served this summer across 100 counties! That is a more than 22% increase in meals served year-over-year.

Thank you for your hard work! Check next month's issue of Nutrition News for a full breakdown of final numbers from this summer.

• SFSP Reconciliation Process •

In accordance with policy memo titled "[Simplified SFSP and Bright from the Start's Annual Year End Reconciliation Process](#)," all SFSP organizations are required to complete and submit the SFSP Annual Year End Reconciliation Form. The form can be found [here](#).

Submit completed forms to Valesia Jones at Valesia.Jones@dec.al.ga.gov or via fax to (770) 342-7985.

The completed SFSP Annual Year End Reconciliation Forms are due by Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

• Begin Planning for the FY 2016 SFSP •

As you wrap up this summer's meal service, we encourage you to begin thinking about ways you can expand your meal service and make it even bigger and better next year.

Some ideas for organizations to reach out to that can serve as good sites for the SFSP include:

- Libraries
- HUD properties
- Rural Development (RD) properties
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- City Parks & Recreation Sites
- Local YMCAs/YWCAs
- Vacation Bible Schools
- and many more!

For more information on how to locate possible sites for your meal service, contact Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager at shani.drake@dec.al.ga.gov.