

NUTRITION NEWS

Helpful Hints & Tips | TA (SFSP) Edition VIII

• Budget Updates •



Criteria for Budget Revisions have been updated. For costs already approved, a revision is needed only if there is an increase or decrease by 25% or more.

- Cost categories 1-4 of the budget must be revised if there is a 25% change by category.
- Items 5A-8D must be revised if there is a 25% change by line item.

Note: Training on Budget and Procurement trainings will soon be held at the following locations across the state.

- GA Piedmont Technical College - March 13th
- Merle Manders Conference Center - March 18th
- Central GA Technical College - March 25th
- GA International Convention Center - April 3rd
- Sloppy Floyd East Tower (Oak) - May 8th

Sessions are from 9 AM - 12 PM. One afternoon session will be offered May 8th from 1 PM - 4 PM. For more information, contact Leslie Truman at 404.657.1779.

• Sites Needed for Kickoff Events •

Nutrition Services, in conjunction with the Georgia Food Bank Association (GFBA) and the Georgia Department of Education (DOE), will conduct three SFSP kickoff events across the state.

If you are interested in one of your sites serving as a kickoff location, email Shani Drake at shani.drake@dec.al.ga.gov by Monday, March 16, 2015.

• SFSP FY 2015 Data Now Available •

Free and reduced-price meal school data are now available for sponsors looking to qualify sites to participate in the SFSP.

To access the school data, click [here](#).

To access updated Ethnic and Racial Data click [here](#).

• Grants Available for Sponsors Interested in Expanding •



The Georgia Food Bank Association (GFBA) in association with Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFPs) for FY 2015 Capital and Community Investment Grants.

Expansion grants from \$4,000 - \$20,000 are available for capital investments such as purchases of vehicles to deliver food, kitchen equipment, etc.

The purpose of the funding is to support organizations in:

- Expanding and sustaining SFSP programs
- Extending program service in unserved and/or underserved areas
- Building overall capacity of the organization

Click [here](#) to find out more information about the grant and to access the application packet.

The deadline for RFPs is March 13, 2015.

For answers to questions, contact Michele Chivore, Campaign Manager, at michele.chivore@georgiafoodbankassociation.org.

• Application Team Assignments •

The DECAL Application Specialist and Business Operations Specialist who you will work with this summer are based on the first letter of your organization’s name. The table below identifies the Application Specialists and Business Operations Specialists according to the alphabet. Use the contact information in the table to contact your Application Specialist and Business Operations Specialist.

Sponsoring Organization’s Name (First Letter/Number)	Application Specialist	Business Operations Specialist
0 (zero) - G	Demetria Thornton demetria.thornton@decalfga.gov	Tammie Baldwin tammie.baldwin@decalfga.gov
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Q - Z	Martinita (Nita) Smiley-Smith martinita.smiley-smith@decalfga.gov	Brandi Banks brandi.banks@decalfga.gov

• Expansion Opportunities for Sponsors •

Are you ready to make an even larger impact in your community this summer?

Several organizations have indicated interest in serving meals at their locations and are looking to partner with sponsoring organizations.

If you are interested in expansion opportunities, contact Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager at shani.drake@decalfga.gov or 404.656.3221.

The following fourteen (14) counties did not have SFSP meal service in FY 2014 through DECAL or the Department of Education’s Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for schools.

Atkinson	Lanier	Stewart
Bacon	Oconee	Taliaferro
Baker	Pike	Warren
Clinch	Schley	Webster
Columbia	Seminole	

• Recently Released Policy Memoranda Now Posted Online •

Policy memoranda issued on January 30, 2015 is now posted to the DECAL website.

The guidance covers everything from SFSP Questions & Answers to Rural Designations in the SFSP.

Click [here](#) to access full copies of the memoranda.

• Thank You! •

Nutrition Services thanks all of you who participated in the inaugural Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Summit held last month! We appreciated your participation and your interaction with panelists.



If you would like copies of any of the presentations from the Summit, contact us at sfsp@decalfga.gov.