

## Check in with CANS

### November 2, 2023 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT

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#### All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **NEW Dept. of Education Learning Management System (LMS): [sded.sd.gov](https://sded.sd.gov) a.k.a. CANVAS.** (Melissa C)  
All future CANS nutrition program trainings and webinars will be posted in CANVAS.
  - Information to log onto the system is found on the [DOE Professional Learning Platform website](#) under Logging In.
  - We are no longer using iLearn.
- **Staffing Updates:** CANS would like to welcome our newest members! (Cheriee)
  - Melissa Byars is a new Child Nutrition Program Specialist. Melissa has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and 15 years of experience working for a sponsor of CACFP and SFSP. She will lead SFSP and support CACFP and will be based out of Rapid City. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to the contributions she will make to our team.
  - Janelle Peterson has accepted a 3-year position as the Farm to School (F2S) Program Specialist. Janelle's name sounds familiar to you it's because she has worked both in the program administration and child nutrition meals arenas. Janelle is excited to assist all child nutrition programs (including CACFP and SFSP) as they move their F2S programs forward.
  - Still hiring for one open SNP position.
- **Farm to School (F2S) Updates:** (Janelle)
  - Join the quarterly F2S Network call [here](#) on Nov. 6 at 3pm CT/2pm MT as we discuss numerous funding opportunities that are currently available. More than 15 funding opportunities will be discussed.
- **Milk supply shortages:** (Cheriee) Multiple states are experiencing milk supply chain challenges related to packaging issues. We have only heard from one school that experienced a brief shortage of milk.  
Guidance:
  - Do your best to serve the allowable varieties of milk. It can come from bulk milk, gallons, or whatever size your local store/vendor has. Cups with lids can help prevent some mess.
  - If you cannot get enough milk in the acceptable varieties, **reach out to CANS to discuss options before you run out.** We have limited authority to pre-approve adjustments to the milk requirement during shortages or emergencies. That authority does not include approvals after the shortage occurred, that requires input and approval from the USDA.
- **\*\*New Memo\*\* Crediting Traditional Indigenous Foods in Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs), [memo TA 01-2023](#)** (Andrea)
  - This guidance provides clarification on how traditional Indigenous foods credit in the CNP. This document contains a list of traditional Indigenous foods that are similar to foods in the Food Buying Guide (FBG) for child nutrition programs and will credit the same. This is not a complete

list, but rather shows how to credit some traditional Indigenous foods not in the FBG by using similar foods in the FBG.

### **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Reminders or Updates:**

- **CACFP review notifications for program year 23/24 have been emailed out!** (Jordan) If your organization's authorized representative has not received an email about reviews, your organization is not on the review list this program year!
  - As with last program year, CNR will conduct the announced CACFP reviews. If CNR is conducting your organization's review, a CNR representative will be in contact with the authorized representative of the organization via email in the next few weeks to begin the review process.
  - The CANS office will conduct the unannounced reviews again this year. As a reminder, unannounced reviews can occur anytime within the program year (October 1- September 30).
  - All reviews will occur in the iCAN system. If an additional staff person needs access to the review system, you can complete an updated [iCAN User ID Request Form](#).

### **School Nutrition Program (SNP) & Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates:**

- **Verification Reporting (Melissa)**
  - Verification Process & Reporting webinars are now available (Search the Canvas catalog for Verification)
  - As you know, schools that collect applications, must conduct verification of free/reduced meal applications. The reporting deadline for verification is November 15, 2023; however, we encourage you to conduct and complete the verification report as soon as possible. Everyone is required to do the Verification Report in iCAN.
- **Frequently Asked Question:** (Mikayla)
  - Can a school waive or reduce their student or adult paid lunch price using food service funds?
  - Answer: No. There are specific regulations about adult meal prices and paid student prices, neither of them can be subsidized using funds in the nonprofit school food service account. Prices are set and approved in your annual iCAN SNP application and cannot be adjusted without preapproval from CANS. Stacey Booth will be posting a document with common, allowable program costs and acceptable ways to spend down any excess food service funds in the next week or two.
- **Administrative Reviews gearing up for the school year.** (Andrea)
  - Offsite assessment forms were due on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please work with your reviewer to get the items completed. Reach out to Andrea or Melissa Cuka with any questions about CNR reviews.
  - Administrative Review for SNP Programs is available in Canvas Catalog (search Admin. Review)
  - All reviews will occur in the iCAN system. If an additional staff person needs access to the review system, you can complete an updated [iCAN User ID Request Form](#).
- **Serving up Science Nominations due end of Nov.:** (Melissa C)
  - Kansas State University, in agreement with the USDA will host, **Serving up Science: The Path to Safe Food in Schools**, a one-week program designed for nutrition professionals from local school districts. The purpose of this program is to help child nutrition professionals better understand the food system and the principles of food science that provide the basis for a strong food safety plan. The program develops leaders who can establish a food safety culture within the school district. For more information see the [Serving up Science](#) website.

- Travel cost to and from Manhattan, Kansas is the responsibility of the participant or their employer. Other program expenses, including meals and lodging are provided Monday evening through noon on Friday while participants are in Manhattan.
- South Dakota can send up to five school staff. If you are interested, please send an email with your interest to [DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us](mailto:DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us).
- **Introducing: Sodium Reduction Virtual Workshops!** (Susan)
  - Do you play a role in school meal planning? Looking to offer nutritious, low-sodium choices that still taste great? The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) is offering 4 complimentary online sessions designed for school nutrition professionals, including directors, dietitians, and menu planners. The workshops will address sodium reduction through menu planning, buying strategies, staff training, and student enjoyment. You will engage in guided lessons, group discussions, hands-on exercises, and leave with a solid action plan for your school's nutrition program. The online training sessions will run from Dec. 11 to Dec. 14, 2023. For registration and a full breakdown of the courses, click the [Sodium Reduction Virtual Workshop](#) link.
- **Team Nutrition's Offer versus Serve Materials - Now in Spanish!** (Susan)
  - The USDA's Team Nutrition initiative provides training, technical support, and educational resources for foodservice professionals, while promoting healthy eating and physical activity in schools and communities. Recognizing the U.S.'s diverse linguistic needs, Team Nutrition has translated the Offer versus Serve (OVS) materials into Spanish, making them accessible to Spanish-speaking educators, parents, and communities. To find the OVS materials translated into Spanish, check out the [USDA Team Nutrition website](#).
- **NSLP Equipment Grant Update:** (Janelle) Applications were due on October 27, 2023. Scoring and awards are planned to be completed before Thanksgiving, with award announcements made in early December.

### **USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates:** (Darcy)

- USDA will be finalizing the Total Lunches Served (TLS) sometime in November. Most schools will see a decrease in their entitlement because of a decline in the Total Lunches Served. More information will be shared when the TLS are finalized.

### **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reminders or Updates:**

- Be on the lookout for Administrative Training save the date! (Melissa B)

### **Upcoming Trainings or Calls:**

- Check in with CANS occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT/1:30 pm MT.
  - Next Check-in Date: December 12, 2023
    - Please note that this meeting is a **Tuesday** not a Thursday. A large number of the CNP team will be attending a conference on Thursday, December 7.
  - Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0NPc2JwaCtJOXlqNVVlZ3I3QT09>
  - Meeting ID: 939 9042 0264; Passcode: 415931
- Crash Course with CANS
  - 11/16 Using Your Entitlement Dollars
  - 11/30 SNP Professional Standards
  - 12/14 Building Your Cycle Menus around USDA Donated Foods for SY 24-25