



Summer Meals Newsletter

Upcoming USDA/Partner Webinars:

[The Future of Food: Leadership Development for our Movement](#)

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 | 1:00 PM EST

Wallace Center's Food Systems Leadership Network

[Summer Meals Matter Conference Call: Recruiting Summer Meals Volunteers](#)

Thursday, December 6, 2018 | 1:00 PM EST

Food Research and Action Center

[SNAP-Ed Impact Report: Sharing our Vision](#)

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST

USDA, Mountain Plains Region

Request for Applications! FY 2019 Farm to School Grant Program

The [FY 2019 Farm to School Grant Program Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) is now open. For grant year 2019, the Office of Community Food Systems hopes to award approximately \$7.5M in funding to projects that bring locally or regionally produced foods into schools.

The application closes December 4, 2018, 11:59pm EST. Late applications will not be accepted. Decisions will be announced in late spring or early summer of 2019. Click [here](#) to view resources for program applicants.

Watch this [webinar](#) for an overview of how to apply for the FY19 Farm to School Grant Program.





SFSP Household Application Prototype now available in Spanish!

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to announce the release of the newly translated [SFSP Household Application prototype](#) in Spanish. The English version of the Prototype is available in the SFSP [Administration Guide](#). This prototype is useful for closed enrolled sites collecting income eligibility forms to determine eligibility.

Upcoming Conferences

[National Parent and Family Engagement Conference](#)

National Head Start Association
December 16-20, 2019 - Orlando, FL

[National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference](#)

Food Research and Action Center and Feeding America
February 24-26, 2018 - Washington, DC

[New England Farm to Institutions Summit](#)

Farm to Institution New England
April 2-4, 2019 - Amherst, MA

[SHAPE America National Convention](#)

April 9-13, 2019 - Tampa, FL

[National Child Nutrition Conference](#)

National CACFP Sponsors Association
April 23-25, 2019 - Chicago, IL



In case you missed it!

Afterschool meals provide needed nutrition to kids and teens. In this [webinar](#), the No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices talks through challenges as well as strategies and ideas, from snacks and shelf-stable suppers to hot meals.

Watch this [recording](#) to learn how you can boost your menu, serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements, align with the site's preparation and storage capacity, and appeal to kids and teens.