

**Check in with CANS**  
**Conference Call with DOE-Child and Adult Nutrition Services**  
**March 4, 2021 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT**

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**All Program Reminders or Updates:**

- **Child Nutrition Program Emergency Funds for Eligible CACFP and SNP (Cheriee/Andrea K) -**
  - The first state application was submitted, we expect an approval from the USDA sometime in May or June.
  - All eligible CACFP and SNP local agencies will be notified of their eligibility. There may be a sub-grant process for local agencies to complete to receive this funding. DOE will finalize the process prior to the end of April.
  - Flyer on using funds on [CANS Website](#)
  - PowerPoint slides.
  
- **P-EBT (round #2) (Cheriee) -** DSS is in final stages of planning for the application to USDA. DOE has been providing support.
  - **Schools can help eligible families get these benefits by making sure that student addresses are up to date in their student information management system (Infinite Campus/NASIS).** This is the information that will be used to mail P-EBT cards to eligible Free and Reduced Price Students that are listed in Infinite Campus.
  - DSS and DOE will release a joint press release and information when they come closer to distributing benefits.
  
- **Waivers: What happens after June 30, 2021? (Cheriee)** No guidance from USDA on waiver flexibilities extending beyond June 30. at this time. Please prepare to operate a normal summer feeding program. If we hear anything that extends flexibilities, the CANS will send an email to all program operators affected.

**Food Service Management Companies (FSMC) Contract Renewals: (Quanna)**

- Agencies with Food Service Management Companies should have received a packet for a one year renewal of their contract. There are three options available in this annual process:
  - Renew the contract
  - Not renew the contract and advertise a new Request for Proposal for FSMC
  - Return to self operation of the School Nutrition Program
- In April 2020, the CANS Office recorded a webinar on “The Basics of Self-Operation”. This presentation describes Five Basic steps to Self-Operation:
  - Menu Planning
  - Food Safety

- Professional Standards
- Nonprogram Foods
- Procurement

Maybe you are thinking these are required responsibilities for operating the program with or without an FSMC and you are right! The presentation describes the basic, hands on work involved in each area. Veteran self operation agencies might find this a useful refresher training as well. We have heard positive feed back from agencies returning to self operation either by choice or because their FSMC stopped doing business. This is the link to the webinar: [Self Operating School Nutrition Program](#) , you may also find it on the CANS website under School Nutrition Programs / Trainings and Webinars, Self-Operation of School Nutrition Program

### **FSMC Monitoring (Quanna)**

- Monitoring the FSMC is required twice per year per site. Here is a link to a fillable format on our web site. [FSMC Monitoring Form -Fillable Word Document](#) The Form has changed, so if you have questions as you go through it, please let me know. [Quanna.keyser@state.sd.us](mailto:Quanna.keyser@state.sd.us)

### **Procurement Bidding Process for SY21-22 (Quanna)**

- Some links from the CANS website that might help in your specification list for the bidding process
- [USDA Food Buying Guide](#)
- [Agricultural Marketing Services Grades and Standards](#)
- [Vendor List](#) Created in 2017
- [Bid Specification Examples](#) Created in 2016

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

- **New Online Learning Management System, SD Bright Track:** I am happy to introduce our new free Online Learning Management System, called SD Bright Track, which houses CACFP required trainings. We will gradually be removing the trainings that are currently on the CACFP website over the next few weeks and transitioning all CACFP sponsors to SD Bright Track since this new system will replace our current online training method. There will be a link to the website in the minutes, and a link will be posted on the CACFP website shortly.

Once you go to the SD Bright Track website you will need to create an account to access the trainings. Each individual at your agency will need to create their own accounts to take trainings under. This new system will track everyone's progress throughout the year and will save any certificates for trainings you complete. I would still recommend either downloading or printing the certificates as a backup though.

The trainings will be interactive with puzzles, quizzes, and sometimes even workbooks that go along with them. I have taken each of the trainings currently available and can say that I not only enjoyed the trainings, but that I also really liked the format they are presented in. There are currently 8 trainings available on the website, and we will soon have 4 more for a total of 12. Once you start taking the training's, please reach out to me if you do come across any issues. I hope you enjoy our new Learning Management System as much as we do!

[www.sdbrighttrack.com](http://www.sdbrighttrack.com) Click [here](#) to learn How to Create a New User Account & Register for a Course. The code you will need to use when creating an account is: **blackhills800**

### **School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:**

- **(Rob) FFVP Application Request for SY21-22**  
If an elementary school from your district is interested in participating in the FFVP for SY21-22, please complete the Application Request (linked in the Nutrition Bulletin and the Check in with CANS minutes)

and provide contact information. The contact person will be notified when applications become available. Schools currently participating in the FFVP will be automatically invited to complete an application for SY21-22 and would not need to request an application.

- [FFVP 2021-22 Application Request](#) <-- Click
- **(Teresa) Guidance on Free and Reduced-Price Student Eligibility Data from the U.S. Department of Education**, USDA Policy Memo SP07-2021  
Free and reduced-price eligibility data is used to establish funding for certain Department of Education programs. This policy memorandum provides guidance from the U.S. Department of Education to State and local educational agencies on how to establish formula funding for education programs when free and reduced-price applications may not have been collected during the 2020-2021 school year as part of a Nationwide Waiver from USDA. This information is for reference in the School Nutrition Program and does not require any action from the School Food Authority. See the U.S. Department of Education [fact sheet](#) and USDA [waivers](#) for additional information.
- **(Andrea K) Nutrition Resources and Funding**  
Our friends at Midwest Dairy shared some great resources with us that we would like to pass along to SD schools that may be interested:
  - Good Nutrition Made Easy – this hand-out focuses on dairy and the many health benefits for kids. To access this easy-to-read hand-out, go to [www.midwestdairy.com](http://www.midwestdairy.com) and look in their resources tab.
  - Funding available – America's dairy farmers have teamed up with Fuel Up to Play 60, one of the leaders in school health and wellness, and are offering funds and equipment to help schools make healthy changes. Visit [www.FuelUpToPlay60.com](http://www.FuelUpToPlay60.com) to learn more about this program and apply for funds. Select the “Highlight Healthy Foods” play in your funding application and receive a smoothie kit, complete with immersion blender, utility cart, divided cooler bags and more.
  - “Healthy School Communities” webinar – GenYouth is hosting a webinar on March 24<sup>th</sup> as a follow-up to their December webinar on the same topic. Stakeholders will discuss strategies, develop solutions, and create action plans to expand student health and wellness. For more information and to register go to <https://hscforum.genyouthnow.org/registration/launch/?eid=43843593&uod=49204274>

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

- The order form for April delivery is now open. The order form will close Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am CT. There will be one more order in April for May's delivery. If you need to spend entitlement, take a look at the April order form.
- **Menu Planning & Meal Service Ideas Using USDA Foods**  
Florida Department of Agriculture recently shared a resource that may be useful. [Menu Planning & Meal Service Ideas Using USDA Foods](#) is a resource that identifies certain USDA Foods and provides suggestions on menu items, meal service ideas, and links to corresponding USDA recipes. USDA Foods and item numbers are referenced within the menu item description.  
This resource can be found on the [CANS Food Distribution webpage](#) under Useful Links, as well as the [CANS School Nutrition Programs webpage](#) under School Meal Programs Resources – NSLP/SBP.  
We have plans to make a South Dakota version, which would better fit our Midwest cuisine, but this resource would still be helpful for menu planning and using USDA Foods.
- **MyPlate Kitchen Recipes Resource**  
More recipes can be found on the My Plate website at <https://www.myplate.gov/>. Click on the MYPLATE KITCHEN tab and recipes will appear in a drop-down box.

### Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option (SFSP & SSO) Reminders or Updates: (Brigitta)

- SFSP Admin Training is Approaching March 16, 2021 at 2:00pm-4:00pm CT. If you have not yet registered please do so at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021SFSPAdminTraining> This is mandatory for sponsors and their administrative staff. Registration will close on March 10<sup>th</sup>, confirmation and training invites will be sent out after this date.
- SFSP website updates. Continuously adding new documents and materials. Please get familiar with our SFSP website: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/sfsp.aspx>
- SFSP USDA Commodity food orders are due March 8<sup>th</sup> for May deliveries, please return the order form as soon as possible.
- Summer Foods Flyers will be sent to each sponsor and partners and Summer Meals Food Safety Kit will be also sent to our sponsors operating SFSP this year.

### Upcoming Trainings/Calls (Andrea T.)

- **Next Check in with CANS Conference call:** Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm CT/1:30 pm MT
  - **In March the Check in with CANS calls moved to Zoom.** Please use this login information for future Check in with CANS calls: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87674981580?pwd=a3k5MWlGMmVwckhrVzFvdTBscnU5dz09>
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  - We plan to discuss program updates and reminders, new guidance, hot topics, and we save time for questions from our schools and agencies. Minutes are posted on the CANS website (<https://doe.sd.gov/cans/index.aspx>) and a recording of the call is available for a limited amount of time.
- **Crash Course with CANS ZOOM Webinar** upcoming dates and topics:
  - Mar. 18: Farm to Table and Beef to School with Andrea K
  - Apr. 1: Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): Feeding All Students Free Meals with Mikayla and Andrea T
  - Apr. 15: Nonprogram Foods and Costs in the School Nutrition Programs. A walk through of the rules and how schools complete those evaluations with Rob
  - Apr. 29: SFSP Training and Application (for the summer months) with Brigitta
  - May 13: SSO Training and Application (for the summer months) with Mikayla
  - May 27: Food Distribution Program Year End Reports (for SNP) with Darcy

**Professional Standards Reminder:** Any learning or training you receive about any aspect of the School Nutrition Programs can be counted as training time towards the professional standards annual training requirement.

Please retain documentation to show what topics were trained. For example, agenda, topics, handbook, certificate, etc. And record training on a Tracking Tool – we suggest using the [SD Tracker Tool](#) posted on the CANS NSLP website.

**This Conference call was 30 minutes long and can credit for 30 minutes of training.**

Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 30 minutes