

Check in with CANS

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Welcome!

All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **Meet Alan Haarstad**, new CANS Division Director!
- **Pathways to Child Nutrition:** Our annual conference will be June 9-12, 2025, at Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD. Join us to discover new strategies to implement and deliver the most effective nutrition program in the state. Register today! <https://forms.office.com/g/hnwkey1cUG>
 - If you are signed up for the day long Farm to School session on June 9 or 10, the morning field trips are a rain or shine event, so make sure you pack accordingly...just in case! I'd also suggest closed toe shoes or sandals.
- **Update iCAN Applications!** Has your organization had any staffing changes recently? If so, please don't forget to update the iCAN application. Making these updates informs our office to remove inactive staff's access to iCAN and helps ensure that our office communications are sent to the correct people! If any changes are made to the application, please don't forget to submit the application for approval so our office can approve the changes!
- **CANS Meal Modification Form Update:** CANS has updated the meal modification form to make it more user-friendly and consistent across all child nutrition programs. We encourage your district to consider using the updated form, which is designed to help ensure all meal modification requirements are met. The form is available [here](#) and is also linked under the Documents section on the [Child and Adult Nutrition Services webpage](#).

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

- **Annual Training reminder:** Don't forget to complete your required annual trainings before the September 30 deadline. As a reminder, our Pathways to Child Nutrition Conference held in June will cover all topics to meet training requirements. Suggested staff to attend this training are the Authorized Representative, Food Service Director, Agency Contact, or any other main program personnel.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- ****Upcoming Deadline** Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).** The list of eligible and near eligible sites and districts is posted on the [CANS SNP website](#) in the School Meal Requirements section. The percentages that make a district or site eligible decreased last year. Sites that have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of **25% or greater** are eligible for CEP. Sites that have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) between **15% - 24.99%** are potentially eligible. If you are eligible and would like to apply, submit the [CEP Application](#) by **May 31, 2025**.

- ****Upcoming Deadline** SSO iCAN Applications:** As a reminder, SSO applications must be **fully approved by May 20, 2025**. Please submit your SSO application as soon as possible! It can take a week or so for the application to be fully approved, so it must be submitted before the May 16 deadline to be approved in time.
- **Summer School and Extending the NSLP/SBP School Year:** If you are planning to have summer school and would like to continue feeding (only) the kids that are enrolled in summer school, please let us know, and we will help you make the necessary iCAN SNP application updates.
- **School Year 2025-2026 iCAN Applications Open in iCAN.** The deadline for SNP iCAN application approval is **August 15, 2025**. We are providing open hours through Zoom to answer questions and provide one on one assistance with your application. No reservation is needed, you can join during any open hours times to get instant help from CANS staff.
 - **May 13** - 9am – 11am CT / 8am – 10am MT; [Join via Zoom](#) with Melissa
 - **July 31** – 9am – 11am CT / 8am – 10am MT; [Join via Zoom](#) with Susan
 - **August 5** – 2pm – 4pm CT / 1pm – 3pm MT; [Join via Zoom](#) with Diana W.
 - **August 21** – 2pm – 4pm CT / 1pm – 3pm MT; [Join via Zoom](#) with Diana L.

****Upcoming Deadline** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program iCAN Application.** The SY 2025-26 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program iCAN application is now available in the iCAN system for current participants and schools that have requested an application. If you need assistance please contact Diana Webb at diana.webb@state.sd.us or Diana Leiseth at diana.leiseth@state.sd.us. The deadline for FFVP applications is May 16, 2025.

The iCAN SNP Application Agency Manual is on the [CANS SNP webpage](#) under Application and Claim Information. We recommend that you follow the manual when filling out your application to ensure you are following the proper sequence to avoid extra or lost work. The manual is a useful tool in answering questions you may have about the application or how to answer some of the questions.

Please Note: CANS is updating the format in which addresses must be entered in the application system to streamline data entry across all programs. [Click here](#) for guidance on how to correctly enter sponsor and site addresses.

Checklist items: The Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool has not been released, so the PLE and Annual Information Update checklist items are not yet uploaded into iCAN. Also, be sure to complete the 2025–2026 forms located in the Checklist Summary Items and Download sections of your iCAN application. Some forms have been updated, and it's important that we have the most current information about your program operations.

- **Celebrate School Lunch Hero Day! May 2, 2025:** School nutrition professionals are real heroes—and we don't say that lightly! Each spring, we celebrate their dedication with School Lunch Hero Day. Join schools across the country in honoring the vital role these team members play in the lives of every student they serve. Visit the School Nutrition Association website for [ideas and resources](#) to help you celebrate and recognize these heroes! Be sure to check out Jarrett Krosoczka's TED Talk on School Lunch Hero Day—a heartfelt [video](#) that highlights just how amazing school nutrition professionals truly are!



Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and SNP Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates:

- **SFSP: iCAN applications are open!** Be aware that all applications must be approved by May 19. If your application is not approved by that date, you will not be able to operate SFSP this year.
Please Note: CANS is updating the format in which addresses must be entered in the application system to streamline data entry across all programs. [Click here](#) for guidance on how to correctly enter sponsor and site addresses.
- **SFSP/SSO: F2S Challenge Week is June 23-27.** Start thinking about how you can incorporate locally grown protein, vegetables, and fruit into your menus that week. Participate in the challenge by engaging in one (or more) of the three challenge tiers. Get your nutrition or agricultural activity lined up now! And, of course, have someone take pictures or provide the information on social media or your local community newspaper! Visit doe.sd.gov/farmtoschool/ for more tier challenge details.

Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

- **Check in with CANS Zoom calls:** this will be our last call for this school year. We will not be holding the tentative June 5 call. Please stay tuned for our SY25-26 dates and Zoom link!
- **On Demand Training From CANS:** We are transitioning all trainings into the DOE online professional development platform and removing them from the CANS websites. Current training videos can be found at <https://sded.sd.gov/>. Use the categories drop down to select Child and Adult Nutrition Services to filter training options. Enroll in your selected training videos. If you are looking for old *Crash Course with CANS* training videos, they are all under Crash Course with CANS simply enroll to access the entire list of short training videos.

**Thank you for joining us today and for your service feeding children across
South Dakota!**