

Check in with CANS

September 2, 2021 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0Npc2JwaCtjOXlqNVVlZ3l3QT09>

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All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **MPRO Crunch Off** – Special Guest Anna Barr – SDSU Extension
 - In celebration of Farm to School Month, states throughout the Mountain Plains Region (CO, MT, MO, KS, NE, ND, SD, WY) are competing to see which state can get the most “crunches” into a local apple or other local produce, per capita. South Dakota State University Extension and the South Dakota Department of Education’s Division of Child and Adult Nutrition Services are partnering to bring the event to South Dakota on October 4th – 8th.
 - You are invited to crunch into local produce and help South Dakota win the Crunch Crown. Your Crunch efforts will encourage healthy eating and support South Dakota agriculture while celebrating Farm to School Month. Though the event is geared towards schools and early care and education settings, anyone can participate! The following sections detail how to get involved.
 - Register to be counted and help SD win the Crunch Crown! After registration you will be sent the Crunch Off Toolkit as well as other helpful resources and reminders (may take 1-2 weeks).
 - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/79XXHNM>
 - Questions can be directed to Anna Barr, SDSU Extension Farm to School Nutrition Field Specialist, at anna.barr@sdstate.edu or 605-995-7378. Follow SDSU Extension Food and Families on Facebook to stay up-to-date with Crunch-off activities.
- **CN Emergency Funds:** (Cheriee)
 - SNP – Payments were made to most School Food Authorities on 8/17/2021. All of the information you need about how it was calculated, the payment total for each months (March through June), and what the funds can be used for is in the email notification sent to Authorized Representatives, Business Officials, and Food Service Directors.
 - CACFP – Email notifications will go out this week. Payments are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 24-28. Several Institutions are required to sign an attestation statement if they are not currently operating CACFP, those will be handled through DocuSign from the DOE.
- **Summer P-EBT:** (Cheriee)
 - USDA approved the SD plan for Summer P-EBT today over the lunch our.

- Mikayla Hardy sent out an email to Authorized Reps, Business Managers, and Food Service Directors on August 27 with more information.
- To summarize:
 - Summer benefits extend SY20-21 benefits to any free or reduced eligible student attending a school that operates the School Nutrition Program.
 - Free/reduced eligible students that were approved prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year are included.
 - DOE Data management is working on assembling all of the data and corrections from previous P-EBT rounds as well as new free/reduced eligible students before sending it to DSS.

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

- iCAN applications are open! Thank you to everyone that has jumped in and started working on them. We will be asking for them to be approved by the end of October.
- All required 2020-2021 annual CACFP training must be completed no later than September 30, 2021! Please get this training completed to avoid the seriously deficient process. CANS is sending reminders to agencies that have not completed this requirement.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- USDA Team Nutrition Resources (Teresa)
 - [Offering Meats and Meat Alternatives at School Breakfast](#) is a new TEAM Nutrition Resource for school nutrition professionals. It's a 20 page guide that shows how to offer meat and meat alternatives as part of a reimbursable meal which includes sample menus and success stories. This publication is one of many resources available as part of [Team Nutrition's Back-to School Support Kit](#).
- Pick 3 Advertisement (Rob)
 - An advertisement was recently brought to our attention promoting 'Pick 3', encouraging students that bring meals from home to select a fruit, vegetable, and milk for free.
 - This marketing is not allowed, as the school cannot choose or restrict the Offer Versus Serve selection for the student. All 5 components would need to be promoted as available for selection and not the minimum selection under Offer Versus Serve.
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) SY21-22 Update (Rob)
 - Site selection and award update, Notification emails sent on 8/6, FFVP awards and approvals added in iCAN
 - Additional 'carryover funds' are expected around October; we will provide an award update available
 - As a reminder, the 1st Award (Aug & Sept) is less than last year – we may not be able to cover costs if you overspend the award
 - [FFVP Quiz](#) completion reminder - Link in the notification email on 8/6
 - **FFVP Training Reminder:** FFVP Training available at 2:30PM CT on Thursday, September 9; Zoom link in the FFVP Site Selection email from 8/6
 - Follow the iCAN instructions emailed to the iCAN contact on 9/2 and click the Certification checkbox; this step needs to be taken to get the school set up to submit FFVP claims
- FFVP SY2021-2022 USDA Memo SP19-2021 Operational Q&A's Reminders (Rob)
 - Some Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program flexibilities are available with an **approved** SY21-22 SNP or SSO waiver request.
 - An FFVP waiver for schools operating non-congregate meal service is available [here](#).

- FFVP offerings can be served non-congregate and multiple FFVP offerings can be served during meal delivery or other non-congregate meal services.
 - If the school is providing home delivery, the FFVP offering can be provided to all children within the household without observation of the student.
 - Parent/guardian pick-up or alternate FFVP operational site flexibilities are **not allowed** this school year. The student must be present for Non-congregate FFVP offering pick-up.
- Verification Training (Beth)

Verification Training is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28 and Tuesday, October 12, both at 9:30am. The September 28 training is how to conduct verification; the October 12 training will cover submitting the verification report in iCAN. Remember that even if you do not have to conduct verification, you are still required to submit a verification report in iCAN, as this report collects enrollment as well as v verification results.

Zoom link for trainings:
<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/96416824860?pwd=dUV6Mm9vT04xS0JTTEgxdjFIUjBGUT09>
 Meeting ID: 964 1682 4860
 Passcode: 704379
 One tap mobile
 +12532158782, 96416824860#, *704379# US (Tacoma)
 +13462487799, 96416824860#, *704379# US (Houston)
 - Professional Standards (Beth)

Reminder to track your training hours for Professional Standards requirements. The Training Tracker can be found on our website under the Professional Standards section. Check out the August Nutrition Bulletin for more in-depth information regarding who needs training and how much!

USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates:

- USDA Food Deliveries begin next week. Agencies will receive an email from the State Contracted Warehouse, Nordica, which day their delivery will arrive. If you do not receive a product, receive extra product, or receive damaged product; an OS&D report needs to be completed in iCAN within 5 days.
- It is another challenging year for deliveries and production issues. Hang in there and hopefully we see a turn around soon.

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

- SSO Claim Reminder (Andrea)
 - If you are submitting an August SSO claim, remember to go back to School Year 2020-2021, as August and September are part of the prior year's agreement:
 - You can select the 'Year' button in the upper right corner, then choose '2020-2021'. After selecting the year, click on Claims, then Claim-SSO.
 - You will only report the number of meals to be claimed for reimbursement – do not report non-reimbursable or adult meals on the claim.



- Waiver Updates (Beth)
SY2021-2022 waivers are **not** allowed for planning purposes per USDA guidance. Waivers can only be approved if they are currently needed for your operations. We are receiving many waiver submissions that are being denied because the responses do not meet the intent of the guidance.

Examples:

- Meal Pattern waivers can only be approved if you did not receive the correct milk, or if you ended up having to serve meals that did not meet requirements because you did not get a truck in
- Student preference is not an allowable reasoning for WGR waiver requests
- The only meal pattern waiver that needs no justification is sodium
- The HS OVS waiver will only be approved if you are using it for grab-n-go meals going to virtual students; at this time, we have not seen any other very justified reasons for approval of this waiver request

The waivers for SY21-22 came with different guidance than was issued in SY20-21, and they should only be utilized as needed with an emphasis on going back to normal operations. For districts that have hybrid or closure back-up plans in place, please submit waiver requests when your school actually closes or goes to those alternate instructional methods. CANS specialists will be able to approve those requests when those situations happen.

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:
 - Join Zoom Meeting (Recurring every Thursday 2-4pm)
<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0Npc2JwaCtJOXlqNVVIZ3I3QT09>
 - Meeting ID: 939 9042 0264
Passcode: 415931
Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Find your local number: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/u/adtnoWDDK8>

Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) STAR Webinar - Back to School: Tools and Strategies to Address Supply Chain Issues

Program operators across the nation have experienced challenges with purchasing and receiving foods through their normal distributions. Join the ICN for a 2-part webinar series that will address tools and strategies on managing supply chain challenges.

- **Part 1: Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 3:00-4:00 PM EDT**
 - Register Here: https://theicn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kJ3k3h1jQICHnFeOKFvb9g
- **Part 2: Thursday, September 2, 2021, 3:00-4:00 PM EDT**
 - Register Here: https://theicn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jTf5DRsSRvuSU-ysPlf9BQ

Recorded Webinar - Procurement Strategies for School Year 2021-2022: Webinar for School Food Authorities

For SY 2021-2022, USDA has provided school meal program flexibilities, waivers, and training resources to help states and School Food Authorities navigate supply chain issues and provide nutritious school meals that children need to learn, grow, and be healthy. Learn more by viewing this recorded webinar, which aired live on August 13, 2021.

- View Recording here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/procurement-strategies-school-year-2021-2022-webinar-school-food-authorities>

Professional Standards Annual Training Requirement 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 SNP website.

This Conference call was 45 minutes long and can credit for 45 minutes of training.

Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 45 minutes