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Greetings! Are you counting down the final weeks of school yet? I am relieved that we have nearly made it through another school year. This year shows that the hard work and dedication you all put into planning and making sure your programs operate safely was worth the extra effort. Keep up the great work!

P-EBT progress continues to move along. If you are in a school district, you may have heard from others in your school about P-EBT preparations. SD DOE has communicated to superintendents, business managers, infinite campus/tech coordinators, and Tribal Education Directors over the past couple of weeks to try to make sure we get as many matches of eligible children as possible. This time P-EBT eligibility is based on two criteria:

1. the child would have received free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch or School Breakfast programs if not for the COVID public health emergency, and
2. the school is closed, or has been operating with reduced attendance or hours, for at least five consecutive days in the current school year.

The Check in with CANS zoom call on April 8 will have more details and is an opportunity to ask questions.

Don't forget to take a moment and enjoy the Spring weather!

~Cheriee Watterson

South Dakota Sponsor Spotlight!

Is your school or agency doing anything unique and interesting in your programs that you would like to share!? Do you want to be featured in our South Dakota Sponsor Spotlight segment!? Submit any pictures along with a summary of the exciting events that you're doing to DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us.



**WE'D LOVE
TO HEAR
FROM YOU**

Check in with CANS Monthly Conference Call

Check in with CANS is a monthly conference call scheduled at 2:30 PM CST for the first Thursday of each month.

This call is open to all agencies on the Child Nutrition Programs. We are planning to include information across all of our Child Nutrition Programs. Each call will start with a report from CANS with hot topics, new guidance or program clarifications, and reminders of upcoming dates. There will also be time scheduled during each call for you to ask questions. Remember, school lunch staff can use these calls toward your annual Professional Standards training requirements!

Switching from Skype to ZOOM. Please use below information.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87674981580?pwd=a3k5MWlGMmVwckhrVzFvdTBscnU5dz09>

Meeting ID: 876 7498 1580

Passcode: 685271

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 876 7498 1580; Passcode: 685271

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcU8lwqy28>

SY2020-21 Check in with CANS Call Schedule

- Thursday, May 6
- Thursday, June 3 ****TENTATIVE, if needed****

Spring is in the air!

Pick It! Try It! Like It!



Can you guess this month's produce based on the following clues:

- It is closely related to peaches, nectarines and apricots
- It can be eaten fresh, dried, canned as juice or as jam or jelly
- It grows on every continent except for Antarctica
- It is part of the nursery rhyme "Little Jack Horner"
- These were original to South Dakota prior to European settlement and the seeds were decorated and used as dice in a variety of games.

If you guessed, Lakota: khaŋta Dakota: Kanta hu English: plum then you are correct!

Various materials are available thru SDSU Extension at the link below. Everything from signs to lesson plans to recipes to more. Recipes include a plum sauce and plum oat bars.

Website page: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/plum-pick-it-try-it-it-preserve-it>.



JOIN US EVERY OTHER THURSDAY FOR

Crash Course WITH CANS

Short (30 min) learning opportunities for schools and agencies operating the School Nutrition Programs, Child & Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program

SY2020-21 Webinar Topics*:

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| 9/17 | CACFP iCAN Application | 2/11 | School Breakfast Promotion |
| 10/1 | Gone Shopping: Procurement Plans for SNP, CACFP, SFSP | 2/18 | Fresh Fruit & Veg Program |
| 10/15 | Civil Rights for SNP, CACFP, SFSP | 3/18 | Farm to Table/Beef to School |
| 10/29 | Hey, That's Not What I Ordered! Monitoring Contracts | 4/1 | SNP NonProgram Food Costs |
| 11/12 | Planning for Summer Feeding | 4/15 | Community Eligibility Prov, SNP |
| 12/10 | Supper Programs in High Need Areas | 4/29 | SFSP Training |
| 1/14 | FDP Surveys: What They Are and Why?! | 5/13 | SSO Training |
| 1/28 | Just Sign Here: Contracts for Interagency, FSMC, & Vended Meals | 5/27 | FDP Year End Reporting |

*Changes to scheduled topics and dates may occur

School Nutrition Program



March 18, 2021



Introducing the New Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition

Team Nutrition is excited to announce the launch of the Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition (CICN), a new division of the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) that provides school nutrition professionals with in-depth, hands-on culinary training and resources that are foundational for scratch-based cooking and the creation of culinary-inspired school meals that are healthy, flavorful, and student-approved! Visit the website at www.theicn.org/cicn for more information!

SNA Rebuilding Together— Back to School Virtual Summit

Mark your calendars for SNA's [Rebuilding Together: Back to School Virtual Summit](#), developed to help school nutrition professionals construct a new path forward. The online event is scheduled for **May 4 and May 6, 2021**. Program operators at the district level, state agency administrators, state association leaders and industry partners—all are redefining their relationships and supporting one another to open new avenues of revenue and feed more students nutritious meals and snacks that power the education experience.

It's been almost a year since SNA's inaugural Stronger Together Back to School Series. At that event, more than 700 K-12 foodservice professionals came together to learn how school nutrition programs across the country stepped up, and oftentimes took on more responsibility, amidst the pandemic.

Come join the conversation, with speed networking and idea-sharing activities built into this two-day event. Stay tuned for [details](#) about registration and the program agenda.

Don't miss this exceptional and unique opportunity!

[Register Now!](#)



Training Opportunity!

Save the Date for the second annual Pathways to School Nutrition.



South Dakota DOE CANS staff will be conducting training on a variety of topics both in-person and virtually. Come to Pierre on August 3rd to attend a full day of in-person training OR log-in on August 10th and 11th for two, half-days of training on the same topics covered at the in-person event.

If you are a Food Service Director, Manager, School Nutrition Employee, or Business Manager this training is for you!

Updated CANS Memo: Meal Count Edit Checks

CANS has recently updated the [Meal Count Edit Check memo](#) for School Nutrition Programs.

Additionally, CANS has developed a [Template Meal Count Edit Check Procedure](#) and [Manual Edit Check Worksheet](#) resources.

The memo and resources should be helpful in meeting program requirements for conducting edit checks on daily meal counts and ensuring claim submission accuracy.

These resources can be found on the [CANS Numbered Memos webpage](#) as CANS Memo 211-1, and also located on the [CANS-School Nutrition Programs](#) page under School Meal Documents.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

2021-2022 Application Request

If an elementary school from your district is interested in participating in the FFVP for SY21-22, please click the Application Request link and provide contact information. The contact person will be notified when applications become available.

[FFVP 2021-22 Application Request](#) ← Click

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.

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides funds to elementary schools for purchase of fresh fruit and vegetable snacks. Preference of site selection is given to high free/reduced eligibility from the most recent October.



The service of the FFVP must be provided during the school day, and not served in conjunction with other federal programs (cannot be served at the same time as breakfast, or lunch). Also, the service of fresh fruits and vegetables cannot be served with accompaniments (fruits and vegetables cannot be served with juice, milk, bread, etc.). FFVP dollars cannot be used to cover the cost of fruits and vegetable served at lunch or breakfast service. Additionally, the FFVP must be scheduled to be provided at least twice per week.

NOTE: All current FFVP participants will be automatically invited, once applications are available, and would not need to request an application.

Please feel free to contact Rob Ingalls (rob.ingalls@state.sd.us) with any questions, or check out resources on the [CANS-FFVP webpage](#).

Child and Adult Care Food Program

CACFP Training Needs



The CACFP Program Specialist, Katie, would like your input on what topics you would be most interested in for short virtual training sessions this summer. These short sessions would be 30-60 minutes long and would be recorded for agencies that are not able to attend at the time of the training. These trainings will take place once a month from May through August of 2021, 4 sessions in total. If there is a high demand for more topics, we will add more sessions as needed. I want to your input on topics so that I know what would best serve our agencies at this current time.

Please take our anonymous survey [here](#).

CACFP's 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 on the CACFP website shortly, for now it is below.

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, Katie, 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 at Katie.Dryden@state.sd.us or 605-773-4769. I hope you enjoy our new Learning Management System as much as we do!

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

Summer Food Service Program

Upcoming SFSP Training Opportunities:

April 13, 2021 2-3pm CT/1-2pm MT via ZOOM: SFSP Admin Training Q&A Session II.

Registration Deadline April 9, 2021 at 12pm. If you miss deadline but would like to attend please email Brigitta Bly (brigitta.bly@state.sd.us).

Registration Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021SFSPAdminQnA2>

Q&A Session will include:

- Self-check poll questions to test yourselves in Summer Food Service Program Administrations.
- State Agency staff will be available to answer any SFSP related questions. Please prepare and bring your questions to the meeting.

April 20, 2021 2-4pm CT/1-3pm MT via ZOOM: SFSP Operational Training.

Registration will close at noon on April 14, 2021. If you miss deadline but would like to attend please email Brigitta Bly (brigitta.bly@state.sd.us).

Operational Training is optional for site staff (Cooks, Servers, Volunteers, Site Supervisors etc.).

Sponsors must provide operational and administration training for their staff, the training provided by the State Agency won't replace this requirement.

Register your staff at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021SFSPOperationalTraining>

April 27, 2021 2-3pm CT/1-2pm MT via ZOOM: SFSP Operational Training Q&A.

Registration deadline April 22, 2021. If you miss deadline but would like to attend please email Brigitta Bly (brigitta.bly@state.sd.us).

Operational Training Q&A is optional for site staff (Cooks, Servers, Volunteers, Site Supervisors etc.).

Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021SFSPOperationalQnA>

Q&A Session will include:

- Self-check poll questions to test yourselves in Summer Food Service Program Operations.
- State Agency staff will be available to answer any SFSP related questions. Please prepare and bring your questions to the meeting.

Continued—Upcoming SFSP Training Opportunities:

If you missed the SFSP Administrative Training, please view the training video and complete the Quiz.

Please note: Sponsors must train their supervisory personnel responsible for food service, in all necessary areas of Program administration and operations.

The administrative Training provided by the SA is for sponsor personnel (claim and authorized representatives, FSMC, food service managers, auditors etc.)

Link to Administrative Training:

- Recorded: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVWx1BXLGBI&feature=youtu.be>
- Training Slides: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/031621-SFSP-Training.pdf>
- Quiz: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFSPAdminQuiz>

Please email Brigitta Bly (brigitta.bly@state.sd.us) once you received a passing score.

Administrative Training and Sponsor Training for the site staff must be completed before program operations begin. Sponsor Training for the staff must be documented on the sponsor training certificate. (Please download this document from the SFSP website under Documents Tab: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/sfsp.aspx>)

USDA Food Buying Guide (FBG)

If you are interested in learning about how to use the FBG please view the training modules provided by USDA.

Link to FBG: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-training-resources>

Food Distribution Program

Spend, Spend, Spend

Schools will be closing soon for the summer. The May order form will open Tuesday, April 6th and close on Tuesday, April 13th. This is the last opportunity to use school year 20-21 entitlement.

DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement needs to be spent by June 30th. Check your account balance at the DoD Site (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-foods/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>). Email Darcy Beougher at darcy.beougher@state.sd.us as soon as possible if you are not able to spend your DoD entitlement. DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement is use it or lose it and other schools can benefit from additional DoD funding.



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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.

Program Policy Memos

Some policies have multiple numbers. That means those apply to multiple programs.

Child & Adult Care Food Program

Current policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/policy>.

School Nutrition Programs (SP Memos)

Policies that apply to school operation and administration can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy>.

Summer Food Service Program

Policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>.

Food Distribution

Food Distribution policies can be found at https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=resource_type%3A160&f%5B1%5D=program%3A35

New COVID-19 Waivers

To find a current list of the waivers that South Dakota has opted in to, you can visit the [CANS webpage](#) under the "Announcements Regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19" heading. Here, you will find a chart that lists all of the current waivers South Dakota is operating under. Since the last nutrition bulletin, eight new waivers have been released.

USDA #	Title	Program Affected	Expiration Date
74	<u>Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in S SSO – EXTENSION 9</u>	SSO only	09/30/2021
75	<u>Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in SFSP and SSO – EXTENSION 6</u>	SFSP, SSO	09/30/2021
76	<u>Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals – EXTENSION 6</u>	SFSP, SSO	09/30/2021
77	<u>Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers – EXTENSION 4</u>	SFSP, SSO	09/30/2021
78	<u>Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in SFSP and SSO – EXTENSION 3</u>	SFSP, SSO	09/30/2021
79	<u>Nationwide Waiver to Allow OVS Flexibilities in SFSP – EXTENSION 3</u>	SFSP	09/30/2021
80	<u>Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in SFSP and SSO – EXTENSION 3</u>	SFSP, SSO	09/30/2021
81	<u>Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in SFSP – EXTENSION 3</u>	SFSP, SSO	09/30/2021

Contact CANS

For any questions, comments, or concerns

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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. Reading the bulletin each month does count towards training hours.

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.

To credit training hours for time spent reading the Nutrition Bulletin, you will need to keep track of the time you spent reading and determine the applicable training codes. Appropriate documentation for this would be a copy of the bulletin signed and dated with the amount of time written on it.