



## Summer Food Service Program News September 2016

### September Focus: Fall Summits and Year Round Meals

#### **2016 Statewide Leadership Summit**

On November 14, 2016, Kansas Appleseed and KSDE will host a statewide SFSP leadership summit at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. Leaders aligned with local government, education, health organizations, non-profit social service organizations and faith communities are invited to learn about childhood hunger and discuss actionable solutions to obstacles limiting access to SFSP meals for Kansas children. [Click Here to RSVP for the November 14 Leadership Summit in Wichita.](#)

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#### **City Grant Funding for SFSP and CACFP Deadline Extended**

The deadline for Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) grant applications has been extended to **December 14, 2016**, and applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis. Grant Funding Available for Cities in Kansas to Close the Hunger Gap. [The National League of Cities](#), in partnership with the [Food Research and Action Center \(FRAC\)](#), recently launched the CHAMPS initiative in three states - Alabama, California, and Kansas.

The goal of CHAMPS is to expand participation in the federal Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs by increasing the engagement of elected officials and building strong partnerships between non-profit stakeholders, city agencies and meal program sponsors. City agencies are eligible to apply for grant funding that can help children grow up healthy and arrive at school ready to learn.

To participate in CHAMPS, [sign up here](#). Once you've registered, NLC and FRAC will provide you with resources and information to help you get started. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Jamie Nash at [nash@nlc.org](mailto:nash@nlc.org) or (202) 626-3160.

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#### **2016 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Best Practice Awards**

SFSP recognition awards will be presented at the Kansas State-Wide Summer Meals Summit on November 14. Nominations are being accepted in the following Best Practice Awards Categories: 1) Best Outreach Efforts, 2) Volunteer of the Year, 3) Summer Champion, 4) Best Site Programming and 5) Innovative Approach to Increase Access. To nominate an individual or organization for one of these awards, describe why the individual or organization should receive the award and email the nomination to Kelly Chanay at [kchanay@ksde.org](mailto:kchanay@ksde.org).

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## **2016 Regional Summits**

Kansas Appleseed will be hosting four regional summits in December for SFSP sponsors and coordinators as well as those who are interested in learning more about the program. The dates and locations for the regional summits are listed below. **Registration will open by September 30, and we will be in touch with those links soon!**

- **Southwest Regional:** Friday, December 2 – Garden City
- **Northwest Regional:** Saturday, December 3 – Goodland
- **Southeast Regional:** Tuesday, December 6 – Pittsburg
- **Northeast Regional:** Thursday, December 8 – Topeka

Sessions for the regional summits may vary based on regional needs/interests. The proposed agenda includes:

- **SFSP 101 – The Big Picture:** A program overview highlighting the nuts and bolts of the SFSP
- **State of the Region – Are we there yet?:** An analysis of the existing gaps in access to the SFSP for Kansas kids from a regional perspective
- **Celebration of Regional Progress and Programs:** Highlights of SFSP's 2016 success and progress across the state. Acknowledgments and awards
- **Families and Communities that Benefit from SFSPs:** SFSP sponsors and site coordinators tell their personal impact stories
- **Sourcing, Vending and Serving SFSP Meals:** The what, where, how and when of sourcing, vending and serving SFSP Meals
- **Program Administration and Budgeting:** USDA program guidelines and effective budgeting strategies are addressed
- **Recruiting Volunteers and Marketing the SFSP:** How to attract dedicated volunteers and improve outreach with effective marketing
- **Year Round Meals:**

**CACFP:** a look at CACFP program requirements and administrative and logistical considerations and possibilities.

**Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meals Programs – (CHAMPS) grants:** How city agencies and elected officials can support afterschool and summer meals with CHAMPS

Proposed breakouts include:

- **Evaluating the Need in your Community:** SFSP resources are introduced and participants have hands on time to create an environmental scan of their community
- **How to Establish Work Groups that Work:** Highlights of best practices and examples from successful workgroups.
- **Marketing the SFSP to get Kids to Attend – the Importance of Activities:** A look at best practices for activities and the difference this outreach makes
- **Alternate Transportation Models:** Innovative ideas and best practices used by communities confronting transportation as an obstacle to participation

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### **New Contact Information for Kansas Appleseed**

Jackie Green will no longer be working for Kansas Appleseed, effective September 22. Thank you, Jackie, for all your hard work to feed more Kansas kids in the summer!

Until we find a permanent replacement, Laura Mullins will be the primary contact for summer meals. You can reach Laura at [lmullins@kansasappleseed.org](mailto:lmullins@kansasappleseed.org) or 785-760-3099.

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As always, we appreciate everything you're doing to help provide nutritious meals to Kansas kids during the summer! Please contact us if there's any way we can help your program.

Thank you,

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