

## **September 2015: Monthly Memos and Updates - Schools**

Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director: This information was emailed to the Authorized Representative and the Food Service Director. If you desire additional staff members to receive the monthly emails please send me their contact information and I will add them to the distribution list. Sincerely, Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant

### **Afterschool Care Snack Program - Reminder of first 4 week monitoring review**

All claims for reimbursement must be based on accurate daily snack records. A review to verify the counting procedure at each snack site must be made by the school/district/organization two times a year. The first review must occur during the first 4 weeks of snack service each year. The Afterschool Care Snack Program Self-Monitoring Form (NSLP016) is in the Download Forms section of IowaCNP.

### **Verification Training- September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00**

Verification webinars are being offered on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. This training will cover the purpose of verification, who must complete verification and the required timeline. We will provide education on choosing your sampling process and how to determine your required sample size. The ICAVES verification worksheet and tracking application will also be covered. In addition, the various forms used in the verification process will be shown and highlights of the USDA Verification Collection Report will be presented.

Who should register: Everyone involved with the verification process in public schools, non-public schools and RCCIs with day students. To register for the September 15 training click [here](#) and to register for the September 17 training click [here](#).

### **Diet Modification Request Form and Q & As**

The newly revised **Diet Modification Request Form** which is to be used moving forward, as well as Q & A's put together by Melissa Walker, our School Nurse Consultant, with Education Consultants Jean Easley (School Programs), Robin Holz (CACFP – Centers), and Suzanne Secor Parker (CACFP – Homes) which may be helpful for further clarification. They are posted [here](#).

### **National School Lunch Week (NSLW) – October 12-16, 2015 - Start your celebration planning now!**

National School Lunch Week is October 12-16, 2015, and the School Nutrition Association has resources available to schools to promote and celebrate NSLW. Check out <https://schoolnutrition.org/NSLW2015/>.

### **Super Power Summit – Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

Middle schools are invited to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Super Power Summit to be held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Boy Scouts of America Mid-Iowa Council in Des Moines.

Team of four (two adults and 2 students) are encouraged to attend. The agenda includes I-Walk demonstration, Diabetes Busters, hands-on cooking with a Chef, and school wellness policy activities. In addition, the Midland FFA Ag State Champ debate team will deliver a school meal debate. School teams will be motivated to become school wellness advocates at their schools when they return and will have the opportunity to apply for \$500 sub-grants.

For more information, including the agenda and how to register, visit: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/event/super-power-summit-0> or contact Carrie at [carrie.scheidel@iowa.gov](mailto:carrie.scheidel@iowa.gov).

**USDA Memos – Are located here.**

**SP 10-2012 (v.9)** -Questions and Answers on the Final Rule, Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Several QAs have been updated to clarify meal pattern flexibilities and share links to technical assistance resources.

**SP10-2014 (v. 3)** -Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs – Revised  
Clarifies that vegetables and yogurt used in smoothies credit towards meeting meal pattern requirements.

**SP 36-2015** –Voluntary Menu Labeling in NSLP and SBP  
Schools operating under the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program are specifically excluded by this new rule, as are institutions operating the Child and Adult Care Food Program and sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program.

**SP 39-2015** -Q & A on the Final Rule “Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010”

**SP 41-2015** -Updated Offer versus Serve Guidance for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Effective Beginning School Year 2015-2016.

**SP 42-2015** -Service of Traditional Foods in Public Facilities  
Guidance on allowing the donation and serving of traditional food through the USDA Child Nutrition Programs. Traditional foods are defined as wild game meat, fish, seafood, marine mammals, plants, and berries.

**Institution of Child Nutrition**

The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) newsletter is now available online. ICN has seen great changes and tremendous growth recently and the newsletter will provide you with up-to-date information. You will find articles, photos, training calendars and much more. Go to <http://news.theicn.org>

**Farm to School**

October is National Farm to School Month. Some schools, including Des Moines Independent Schools are planning a Midwest meal on October 22. See attached sheet that Des Moines Schools shared that has classroom activities and includes a link to a video on how to grow apples.

**Kids Eat Real Food – Marketing and Lunchroom Education**

Join Curry Rosato, Farm to School and Events Coordinator and Chef Ann Cooper, Director of Boulder Valley School District, Boulder, CO to learn the techniques that have brought Boulder’s kids back to the lunch program and raised participation every year since 2009. Learn marketing best practices and turn your students into “real food” aficionados.

When: *Thursday, September 24th, Noon - 2:00 p.m. Central time.* [REGISTER HERE.](#)