

Feeding Students: All Hands On Deck

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Menus, Recipes, Nutrient Analysis

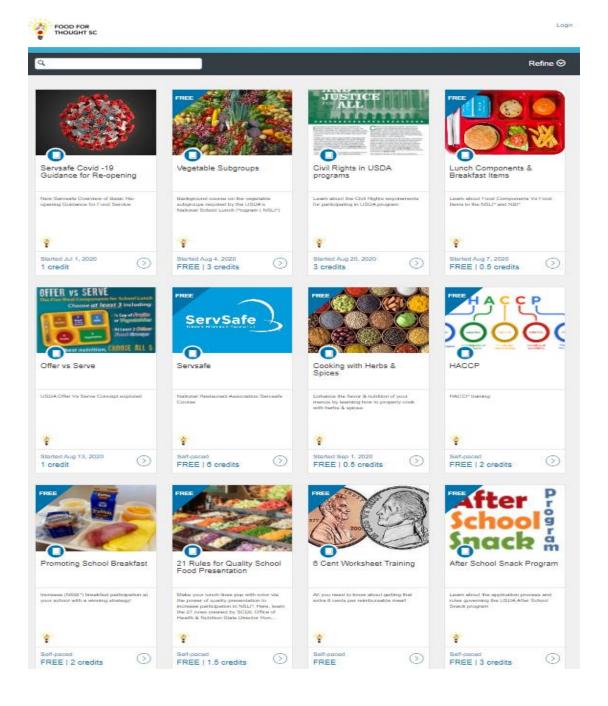
- Free to districts
- SC Recipes
- COMPLIANT!



Platform

Food for Though SC

- Free
- District Level Admin
- Tracks Credits
- Prints Certificates



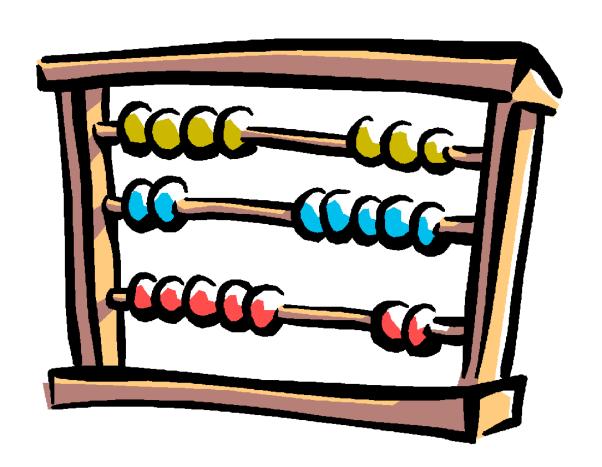
Operational Support

 Assisting SFAs with KPIs and Operational Support



SCAPS

- Waiver Tracking
- Update



Cares Act Funds for Food and Labor

- Thanks to Supt. Spearman
- Thanks for the process
- Over 7 Million Paid Out



USDA Foods Delivery Rebate

• \$400,000. Direct to Districts



What is CEP?

- CEP eligibility is based on Individual Student Percentage (ISP)
 - Individual student percentage includes SNAP, TANF, foster,
 homeless, migrant, runaway, Head Start, and Even Start students
 - Free and Reduced applications have no baring on CEP eligibility or percentages
- A school or group of schools must have an ISP of 40% to participate in CEP.

Benefits of CEP

- All students eat at no cost
 - -There is no longer stigma for students to eat school meals
- SFAs no longer have to process free and reduced meal applications or complete verification.
- SFAs no longer have to deal with collecting negative balances from students.
- The money typically spent on school meals can be used within the community to support the local economy.

Applying for CEP

• Intend to participate in CEP must be communicated to OHN by June 30th of the prior school year

• Please reach out to Ellen Mason, emason@ed.sc.gov, in the Office of Health and Nutrition for more information regarding CEP



History of the Alliance

- Nonprofit organization established in 1994 with 19 School Districts as members
- 1995 Expanded rapidly to 46 School Districts
- March 13, 2015 became a 501 c3 tax exempt organization
- Currently, 75 school food authorities representing over 620 schools in South Carolina.
- Food and Supply collective buying power = \$80 million dollars per year

Vision & Mission

Vision:

The Nation's preeminent procurement entity for child nutrition programs

Mission:

The Alliance procures the **highest quality products** at the lowest prices through a unique partnership that mutually benefits members and vendors while enhancing the health and academic performance of South Carolina's children.

Alliance Facts

 Nominated for the national procurement innovation award with NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials)

- Established state contracts for commercial kitchen equipment

 savings of 30-40%
- Purchase the **highest quality foods** from over 200 major manufacturers

Operations of Alliance

- Fee Based on Meal Participation
- Full-Time Executive Director
- Primary Benefits
 - Food, Supply, Commodity and Equipment Contracts
 - Bid Process every 5 Years, Annually renewable
 - On-going Monitoring of Market Pricing and Vendor Fulfillment of Orders
 - Liaison with SDE Department of Health and Nutrition

Donnie Chavis, Executive Director

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Palmetto Group



- No membership fee to join the Palmetto Purchasing Group
 - Team approach that provides support to our members
- \$30 million dollars annual food purchases to ensure excellent food prices
- 14 member districts that represents 24% of the student population in SC

Administrative Reviews

- Only Districts Operating NSLP
- Will be rescheduled next year



Verification

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

7. What is the verification deadline for SY 2020-2021?

FNS recognizes that, during COVID-19, requiring local educational agencies (LEAs) to complete verification according to standard Program deadlines is burdensome for school officials, and could cause confusion for families with children attending schools operating SFSP/SSO. Under the authority permitted in Section 9(b)(3)(I)(ii) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and 7 CFR 245.6a(b)(2)(ii), FNS is extending the verification deadline to February 28, 2021. All LEAs that collected school meal applications during SY 2020-2021 are required to conduct verification. Although schools may have transitioned to SFSP/SSO operations, because school meal applications were used to establish eligibility for P-EBT, verification is still necessary and required. LEAs have discretion to complete verification ahead of this deadline, if they have the administrative capability to do so.

Procurement Review

• Will proceed on schedule



Documents Retention

- All SFAs are required to retain **all** documentation pertaining to **all** procurements for the duration of the contract plus three years beyond the final paid invoice
 - SFAs have been unable to provide the requested and required documentation
 - Food service directors must have access to all files at all times
 - If documentation is not in place for procurements it is considered an unallowable cost and may result in the district reimbursing the child nutrition sub-fund
 - Relying on a coop or a group to retain your documents is not an acceptable way to retain documentation
 - SFAs are required to retain their own documents

Code of Conduct

- SFAs have been found to either not have a code of conduct or they are missing key elements within the code of conduct
 - The code of conduct must have disciplinary actions for violating the code of conduct
 - -The SFA must also establish a dollar amount received for gifts (usually no more than \$20)

Sole/single source

- SFAs have been found using the sole/single source method when there are multiple sources that offer the same product or service.
- SFAs have also been found not justifying a sole source procurement
 - A letter from the vendor you choose to do business with does not qualify as a sole/single source justification
 - We do search the products considered sole source Google has a lot of options when

Not adhering to thresholds

- SFAs have been found to exceed local, state, and federal purchase thresholds.
- Thresholds are considered aggregate
 - Multiple on time purchases for different products or services are not considered aggregate
 - The SFA shall show that the monies have been distributed equitably amongst qualified vendors if the above scenario holds true
 - Recurring purchases
 - Purchases that are expected to repeat i.e. Food, supplies, pest control, fire prevention

Use of program funds to purchase nonprogram items

- SFAs have been found to use CNP funds to purchase items for clubs, organizations, PTO and not being reimbursed
 - -This is considered a non-allowable cost
 - -SFA must be able to recover all costs associated with any non program activities

- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and
- Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-
- 2021 EXTENSION1

Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers –

- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the
- Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch
- Program Seamless Summer Option EXTENSION 5

 Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up

• Meals for Children – EXTENSION 5

- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the
- Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch
- Program Seamless Summer Option EXTENSION 8

- Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled
- Sites in the Summer Food Service Program and the National
- School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option –
- EXTENSION 2

- Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in the
- Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch
- Program Seamless Summer Option EXTENSION 2

 Nationwide Waiver to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served

- Prior to Notification of Approval and Provide Flexibility for Pre-
- Approval Visits in the Summer Food Service Program-
- EXTENSION

 Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the

• Child Nutrition Programs – EXTENSION #51

FFCRA Opt-In Waiver for SY 2020-2021 NSLP

USDA Foods Entitlement Calculations

• The preliminary SY 2020-2021 entitlement level, based on SY 2018-2019 lunch counts, which States agencies were assigned in January 2020 for placing SY 2020-2021 orders, will be the final entitlement value assigned for SY 2020-2021.

Reporting

- As required by Section 2202(d) of the FFCRA, each State that elects to be subject to this
- waiver must submit a report to the Secretary not later than 1 year after the date such State
- elected to receive the waiver. The report must include:
- A summary of the use of this waiver by the State agency and local Program
- operators,
- A summary of how new meal sites were targeted to benefits for children who
- were previously eligible or newly eligibly for program benefits due to the
- economic impacts of COVID-19, and
- A description of whether and how this waiver resulted in improved services to
- Program participants.

SSO/SFSP Site Updates

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ACCOUNTABLITY

- Production Records
- Counting Sheets



Questions?





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