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BREAK for a PLATE
SCHOOLS

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REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

Alabama Representatives at SNA's Legislative Action Committee





REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

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REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

AFTER SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM REVIEWS

- Remember a second review of all snack programs must be conducted prior to the end of the snack program.

<https://www.alabamaachieves.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/After-School-Snack-Program-Onsite-Review-Form.pdf>

Alabama Department of Education
Child Nutrition Program
AFTER SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM
On-Site School Review for LEAs

Site Name: _____

Reviewer's Name: _____ Date: _____

This review form must be completed twice per school year for each after school snack program site.
The first review must be completed within the **first 4 weeks** of program initiation.

☐ First Review ☐ Second Review

Area Eligible School Based on your observation, is valid documentation maintained for the following records?		Non-Area Eligible School Based on your observation, is valid documentation maintained for the following records?			
	YES	NO		YES	NO
1. Area Eligibility Data (based on most recent October)			1. Free and Reduced Priced Eligibility of Children		
2. Meal Counts (total by site)			2. Meal Counts (by category - free, reduced, paid)		
3. Attendance Records			3. Attendance Records		
4. Production Records			4. Production Records		
5. Meal Pattern Compliance			5. Meal Pattern Compliance		
6. Is reimbursement claimed for only one snack per student per day?			6. Is reimbursement claimed for only one snack per student per day?		
7. Does the meal count for the Day of Review follow the pattern for the previous 10 days?			7. Does the meal count for the Day of Review follow the pattern for the previous 10 days?		
8. Are educational and/or enrichment activities taking place?			8. Are educational and/or enrichment activities taking place?		

For pricing program only, list the established price for paid and reduced snacks.
PAID: _____ REDUCED: _____

For any "NO" answer above, please describe the corrective action taken to resolve the non-compliance concern.

Manager's Signature _____ Principal's Signature _____
Director's Signature _____ Date _____

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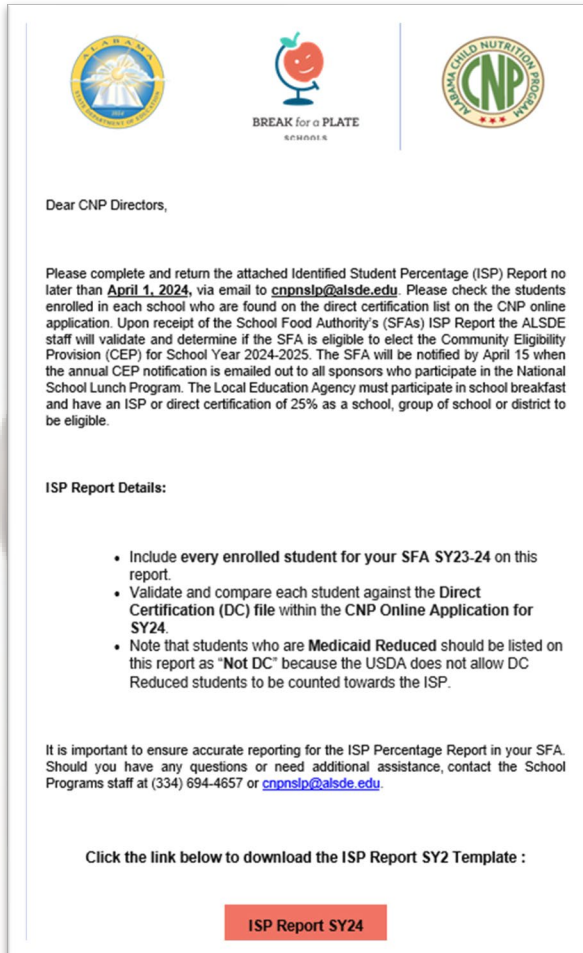
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REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

DUE DATE FOR ISP – APRIL 1ST

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- Private Schools received email Friday, March 15th
- ISP (Identified Student Percentage) Report for SY2024 is due **April 1, 2024**
- Link to form is in the email



REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

RCCI SITE LICENSES

Please review your site licenses for expiration dates. If you have recently renewed, make sure you send the new information to your area specialist as soon as possible.

If your licenses are due to expire soon, be sure to request a visit for having them renewed and send updated license to your area specialist as soon as you receive it.



REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

ATTENTION! CEP DISTRICTS...

- SFAs may NOT require all students to go through the lunch line just because they are on CEP.
- Students who choose to bring a meal from home **cannot be required** to select a school meal for the purpose of claiming that meal for reimbursement.





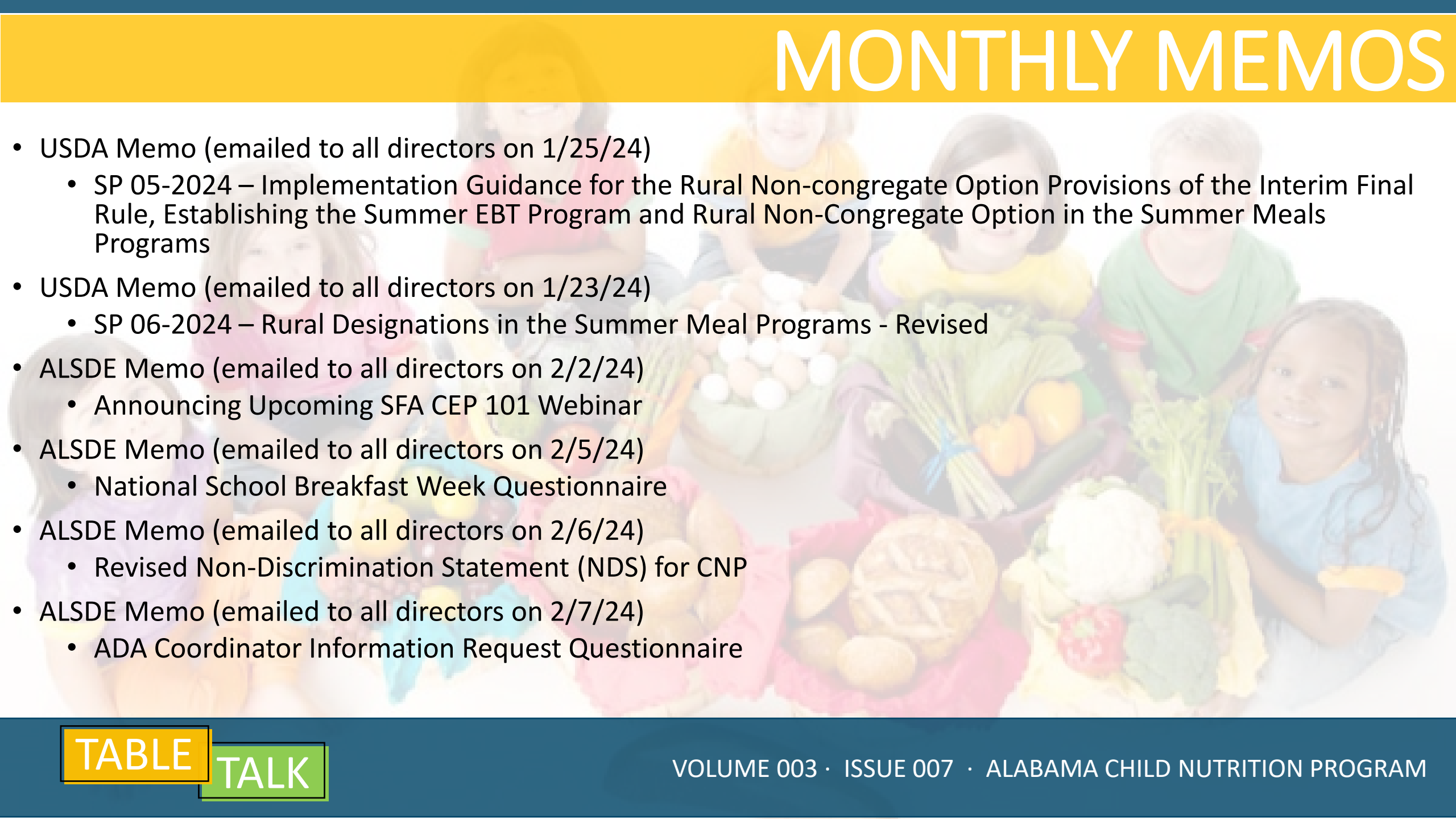
MONTHLY MEMOS

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MONTHLY MEMOS

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- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 1/25/24)
 - SP 05-2024 – Implementation Guidance for the Rural Non-congregate Option Provisions of the Interim Final Rule, Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meals Programs
 - USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 1/23/24)
 - SP 06-2024 – Rural Designations in the Summer Meal Programs - Revised
 - ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/2/24)
 - Announcing Upcoming SFA CEP 101 Webinar
 - ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/5/24)
 - National School Breakfast Week Questionnaire
 - ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/6/24)
 - Revised Non-Discrimination Statement (NDS) for CNP
 - ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/7/24)
 - ADA Coordinator Information Request Questionnaire

MONTHLY MEMOS

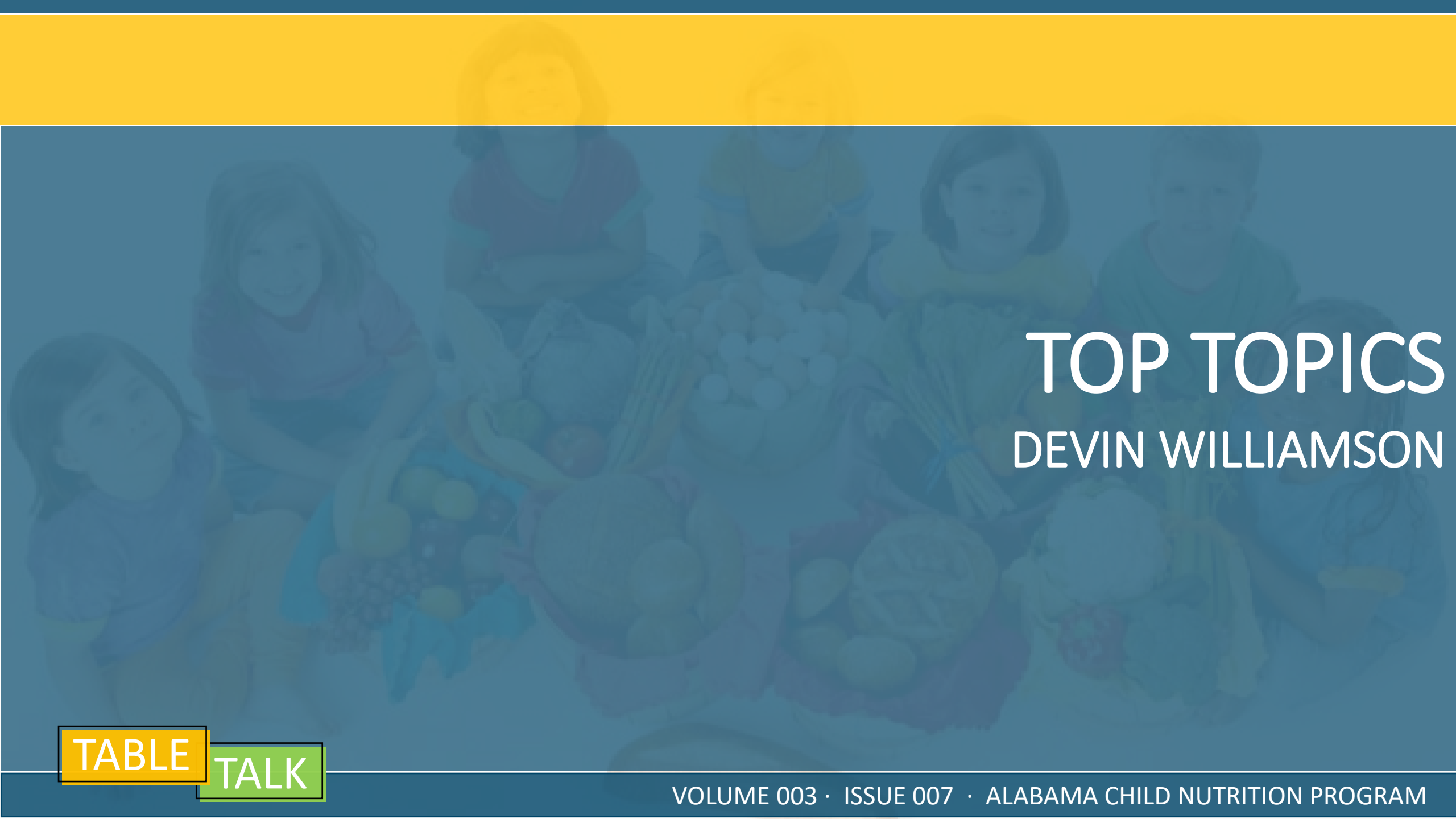
- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/8/24)
 - SP 08-2024 - CEP: Planning and Implementation Guidance – Updated
- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/8/24)
 - SP 09-2024 - CEP: Guidance & Updated Q&As
- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/8/24)
 - SP 10-2024 - CEP: Statutory Annual Notification and Publication Requirements and SY 2024-2025 Election Deadline
- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/8/24)
 - SP 11-2024 - CEP: State Agency Procedures to Ensure Identified Student Percentage Accuracy
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/8/24)
 - Pass Thru Workbook FY24

MONTHLY MEMOS

- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/12/24)
 - 2024 Spring Conference
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/16/24)
 - ASNA Annual State Conference 2024
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/16/24)
 - Procurement Questions
- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 2/22/24)
 - SP 13-2024 – Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas Q&As
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to private school directors only on 3/15/24)
 - Identified Student Percentage Report for SY2024

MONTHLY MEMOS

- ALSDE Memo (emailed to private school directors only on 3/15/24)
 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant Application for School Year (SY) 2024-2025
- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 3/21/24)
 - SP 14-2024 – PLE: Guidance for SY24-25



TOP TOPICS

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The Team Nutrition Training Grant Application is OPEN!



- An incentivized training program (\$500 prior to taxes) for directors or managers districts containing at least one school with a rural locale code (NCES) and a 40% F/R rate or above
- Directors, managers, and frontline can participate
- 46 hours of training required for all participants
- Application will close on April 12th
- The application is in an email from me on 3/5 and 3/15
- Please forward the opportunity to all staff
- Open house requirement in the summer or fall of 2024. One of the requirements is to feature a local unprocessed agricultural product
- At least 17 \$4,000 sub-grants will be available to help with travel, kitchen equipment, and open house events

In-Person Training Requirement:

Intro to School Nutrition Leadership and Menus of Flavor (36.5-hour course) Choose one:

- June 3rd-7th **Gulf Shores, AL**
- June 10th-14th **Tuscaloosa County, AL**
- June 17th-21st **Gulf Shores, AL**

Live Virtual Training Requirement:

Buy American (2-hour course). Choose one:

- Tuesday, April 30th 8 AM-10 AM
- Wednesday, May 1st 8 AM-10 AM

Forecasting the Procurement of Foods (4-hour course). Choose one:

- Tuesday, May 7th 8 AM-10 AM AND 1-3 PM
- Wednesday, May 8th 8 AM-10 AM AND 1-3 PM
- Thursday, May 9th 8 AM-10 AM AND 1-3 PM

Self-Paced Virtual Training Requirement:

Marketing Your School Nutrition Programs and KPI Series (4 hours total)

All staff from these districts are eligible for the Team Nutrition Grant!
***RCCIs & Private Schools in the attendance area of these districts are eligible also**

Alexander City	Choctaw County	Elba City	Houston County	Monroe County	Russell County
Arab City	Clarke County	Elmore County	Jackson County	Montgomery County	Saraland City
Autauga County	Clay County	Enterprise City	Jefferson County	Morgan County	Shelby County
Baldwin County	Cleburne County	Escambia County	Lamar County	Oneonta City	St Clair County
Barbour County	Coffee County	Etowah County	Lauderdale County	Opelika City	Sumter County
Bibb County	Colbert County	Eufaula City	Lawrence County	Opp City	Talladega City
Birmingham City	Conecuh County	Fayette County	Lee County	Oxford City	Talladega County
Blount County	Coosa County	Fort Payne City	Limestone County	Pelham City	Tallapoosa County
Breakthrough	Covington County	Franklin County	Linden City	Pell City	Tallassee City
Charter School	Crenshaw County	Geneva City	Lowndes County	Perry County	Troy City
Brewton City	Cullman County	Geneva County	Macon County	Phenix City	Tuscaloosa City
Butler County	Dale County	Gulf Shores City	Madison County	Pickens County	Tuscaloosa County
Calhoun County	Dallas County	Hale County	Marengo County	Piedmont City	University Charter
Chambers County	Dekalb County	Haleyville City	Marion County	Pike County	Walker County
Cherokee County	Demopolis City	Hartselle City	Marshall County	Randolph County	Washington County
Chilton County	Dothan City	Henry County	Mobile County	Roanoke City	Wilcox County
					Winfield City
					Winston County

Team Nutrition Promotion and Open House Video

<https://youtu.be/zz6RattrqJE>

Applications for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program are OPEN!

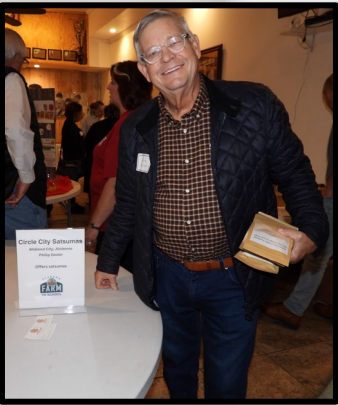
The application and information were sent via Constant Contact or CNPNSLP on 3/15/24

Please reach out if you need help finding this email or have questions about the grant!

The FFVP application is due, fully signed in Docusign, on or before May 3, 2024, no later than 11:59 p.m.



- Available to **elementary schools** (pre-k through 6th) that participate in the NSLP
- Provides children with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables **outside of breakfast and lunch time**
- Schools receive reimbursement **at cost** of making free fresh fruits and vegetables available



**Hartzog Farms
Dallas Hartzog
(Satsumas)**



Glyen Holmes
(Pre-sliced Produce)



Do you have any ideas for farm tours and meeting locations for next year?

We are looking at the following areas for next year:

Huntsville

Clanton

Tuscaloosa

Dothan/Headland

Email devin.williamson@alsde.edu with ideas!

TABLE TALK



A white styrofoam tray containing a meal. In the top left, there is a single chicken nugget. To its right is a small carton of chocolate bar milk. Below the nugget is a packet of Sausage & Peppers. To the right of the milk carton is a small pile of french fries. In the bottom left, there is a slice of ham. In the bottom right, there are two more chicken nuggets. The tray is placed on a stainless steel surface.

Surf's Up with school breakfast

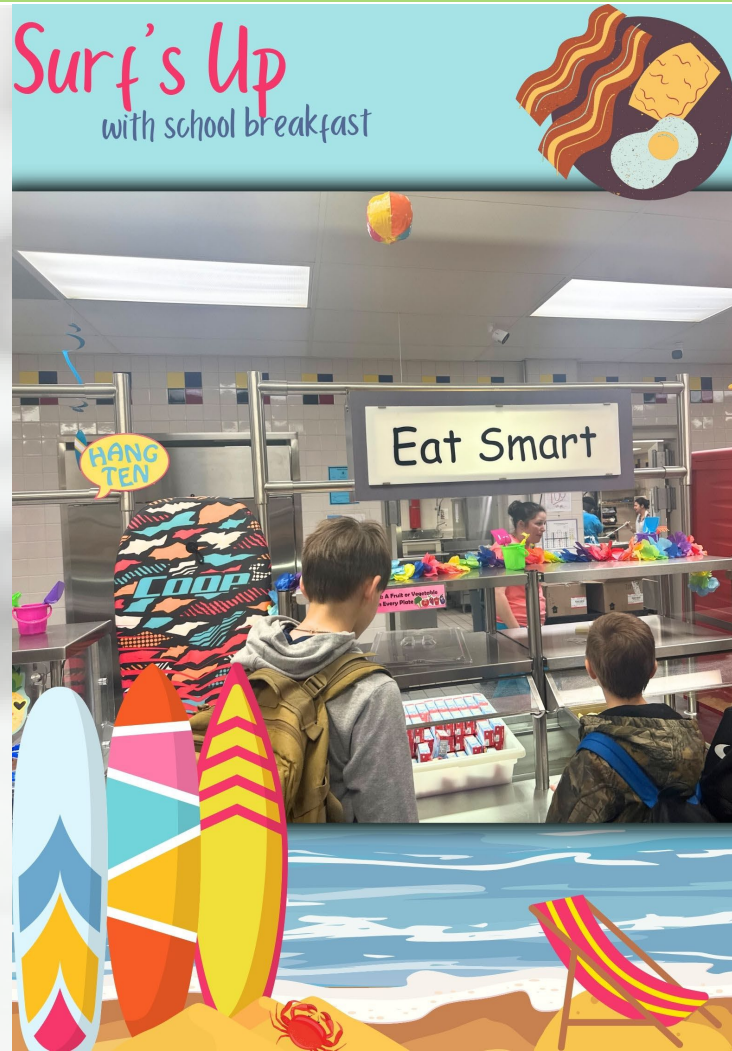


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TRAINING TIDBITS

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DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	AREA
April 23, 2024	Online Agreement Webinar	Webinar	Webinar
July 9-10, 2024	NEW Managers' Training	Shelby County Instructional Services Center	Alabaster, AL
July 25, 2024	Administrative Review Training	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	Montgomery, AL
November 20 – 22, 2024	Fall Directors' Conference	The Grand	Fairhope, AL



2024 Summer Managers' Training

- All Summer Managers Training Sessions will be virtual.
- ICN will be conducting sessions.
- Topic will be Food Safety Basics (4 Hours) and will be from 8 AM to 12 Noon.
- Registration information will be sent to directors with link to register through ICN. Please share information with managers in your district.
- Each participant will register for **ONE DAY ONLY**.

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DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	Summer Managers Training	VIRTUAL/ICN	8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Thursday, May 30, 2024	Summer Managers Training	VIRTUAL/ICN	8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Wednesday, June 12, 2024	Summer Managers Training	VIRTUAL/ICN	8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Thursday, June 13, 2024	Summer Managers Training	VIRTUAL/ICN	8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Wednesday, July 24, 2024	Summer Managers Training	VIRTUAL/ICN	8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Thursday, July 25, 2024	Summer Managers Training	VIRTUAL/ICN	8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON



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Leslie Dawson – Cullman City



- Cullman has five cafeterias and twenty employees.
- Leslie has served 18 years in Child Nutrition. She has been a lunchroom worker and manager and is currently in her first year as a CNP Director.
- Her favorite part of the job is being able to watch the CNP staff work as a team to provide nutritious meals for their students and helping the CNP managers achieve high goals for their schools.
- Her least favorite part of the job is trying to find enough time to accomplish everything she wants to implement in the schools to improve participation.

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Leslie Dawson – Cullman City



- One of the most meaningful moments was being invited to the Proclamation Signing with Governor Kay Ivey for National School Breakfast Week in March of 2024.
- The craziest thing to happen since she was hired as director on August 4, 2023, was receiving a letter from the State Department informing her that Cullman City had been selected to undergo an administrative review on August 15, 2023.
- Her best advice to new directors is to develop and maintain relationships with the CNP staff and to keep in mind the “open communication is the best policy to follow”.
- Leslie’s policy is to “Wake up every day, don’t sweat the small things, and enjoy the ride!!”

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