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Child Nutrition Programs



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OVERVIEW





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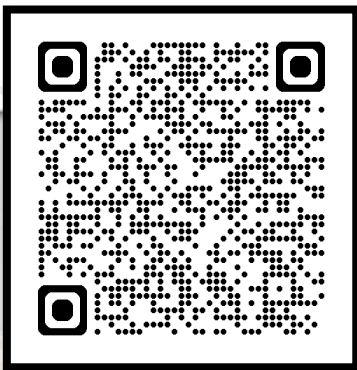
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- Eliminate the "click here" by typing out the full web address.
- This can go under the NDS or wherever it fits best.
- Questions?
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<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>

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- E-Learning or remote days should not be added to operational calendars.
- Meals are not served on these days.

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- Certificates will be received via DocuSign.
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PUBLIC RELEASE

- Remember that a Public Release form must be sent out on or after July 1st and prior to the start of the school year to **local media outlets, the unemployment office, and any large employers experiencing layoffs** in the district's attendance area.
- There are samples of this release on our website for various types of programs such as CEP, Partial CEP, Provision I, II etc..

This is the public release which will be sent to the agencies listed below:

SENT TO: Newspaper _____ Date _____
Unemployment Office _____ Date _____
Major Employers _____ Date _____

Name of School/School District _____ Public Release

Children need healthy meals to learn. [Name of School/School District] offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs [X] lunch costs [X]. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is [X] for breakfast and [X] for lunch. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

I. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from Alabama SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Alabama TANF, are eligible for free meals.
- All children in the household receiving benefits from Medicaid are eligible for free or reduced meals.
- Children who are under the legal responsibility of a local court agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who are directly certified as homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children who are known to [Name of School/School District] as homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- When known to [Name of School/School District], households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation in a household member's participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), if the State program meets federal standards.
- When known to [Name of School/School District], households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets federal standards.
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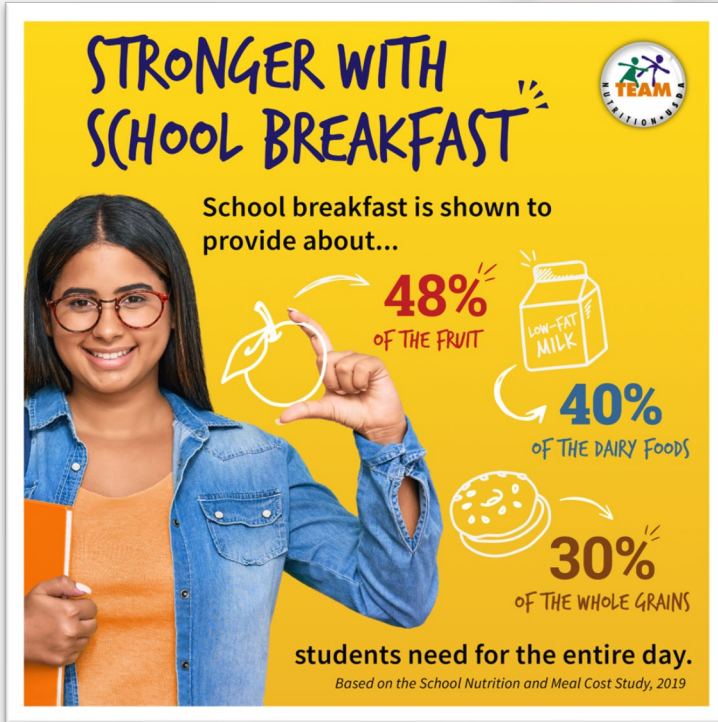
Household Income Eligibility Guidelines 2022-2023

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/MLK	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS/MLK
PER YEAR	PER MONTH	PER MONTH
1	13,560	15,730
2	18,460	21,330
3	23,360	26,930
4	28,260	32,530
5	33,160	38,130
6	38,060	43,730
7	42,960	49,330
8	47,860	54,930
9	52,760	60,530
10	57,660	66,130

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST OUTREACH



Schools participating in the SBP must notify families of the availability of school breakfast at the beginning of the school year, when free and reduced-price meal applications are sent to households.

In addition, schools should send reminders regarding the availability of the SBP multiple times throughout the school year (e.g., at the beginning of each semester or quarter).

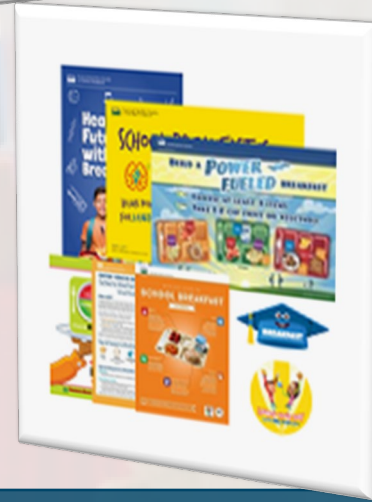
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Team Nutrition Back to School Resources

- Team Nutrition is pleased to share new resources to help Child Nutrition Program operators prepare for the road ahead!
- Team Nutrition's [Back-to-School webpage](#) has ready-to-go menu planning, nutrition education, and school meal promotion resources that support the update to the school nutrition standards published in the final rule titled, [Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.](#)

New Team Nutrition Back-to-School Resources

- [Back-to-School Social Media Shareables](#)
- [Reducing Added Sugars at School Breakfast](#)
- [School Breakfast Posters](#)



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Team Nutrition Resource Bundles

- [Breakfast Bundle for Elementary Schools](#)
- [Breakfast Bundle for Secondary Schools](#)
- [Online Order Form](#)

Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awardee Spotlight Webpage

The Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards recognize and celebrate school nutrition programs across the country!

Visit the [Awardee Spotlight webpage](#) to discover a collection of best practices that support the implementation of the final rule including reducing added sugars and sodium in school meals.





MONTHLY MEMOS

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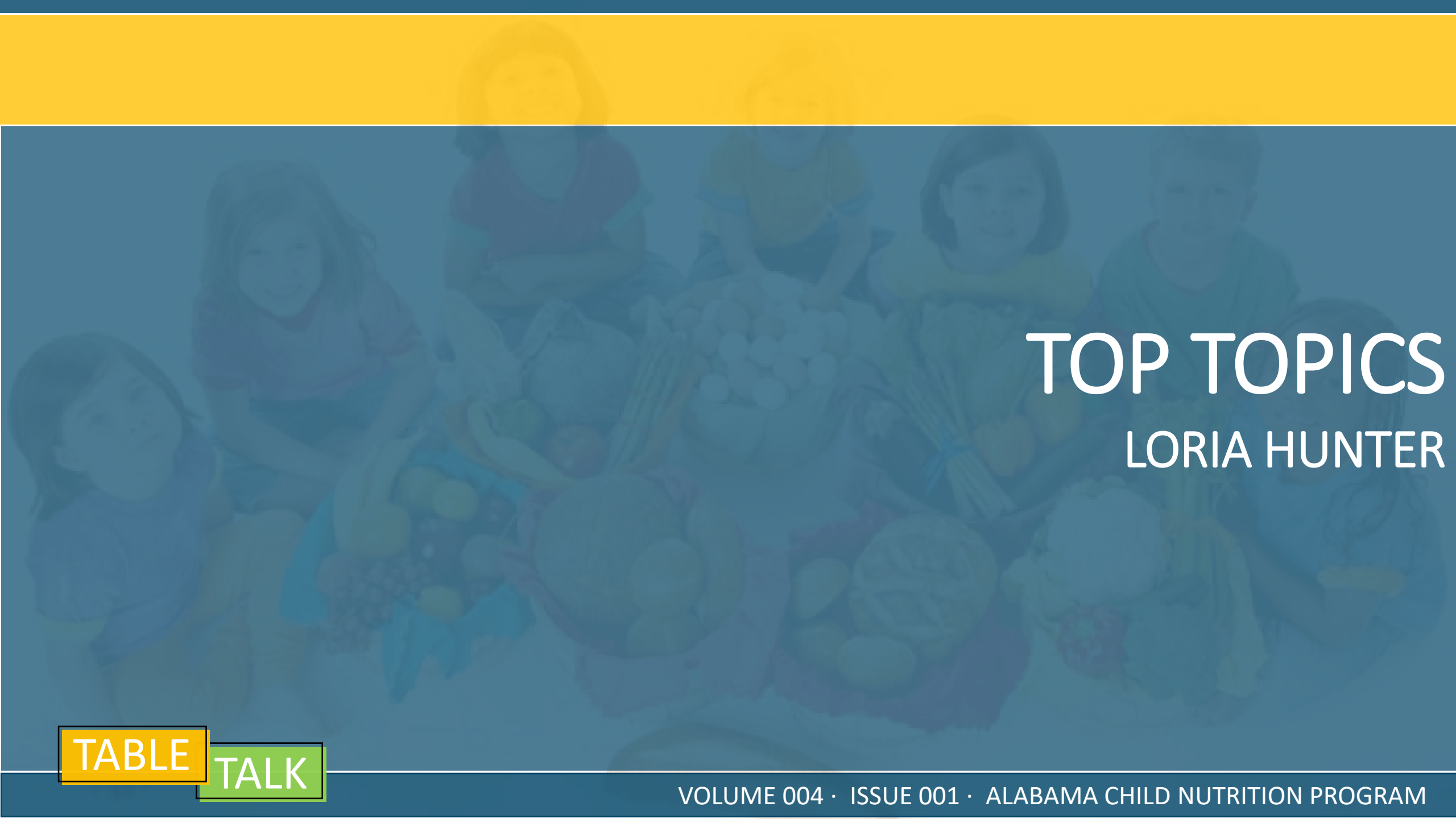
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MONTHLY MEMOS

- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 6/27/24)
 - Geographic Preference Option Q&As
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 7/2/24)
 - FYI – Import of Directly Certified Children
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 7/3/24)
 - REMINDER! State Agency Food Safety Inspections Report for School Year (SY) 2023-2024
- USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 7/3/24)
 - Implementation of the Final Rule, Partnerships with Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations in the Child Nutrition Programs

MONTHLY MEMOS

- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 7/8/24)
 - SY 2024-2025 Direct Certification File
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 7/8/24)
 - Public Release Eligibility Guidelines Error
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 7/11/24)
 - Reimbursement Rates for School Year 2024-2025
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 7/12/24)
 - School Food Preparation Study
- ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 7/17/24)
 - Corrected Reimbursement Rates for School Year 2024-2025



TOP TOPICS

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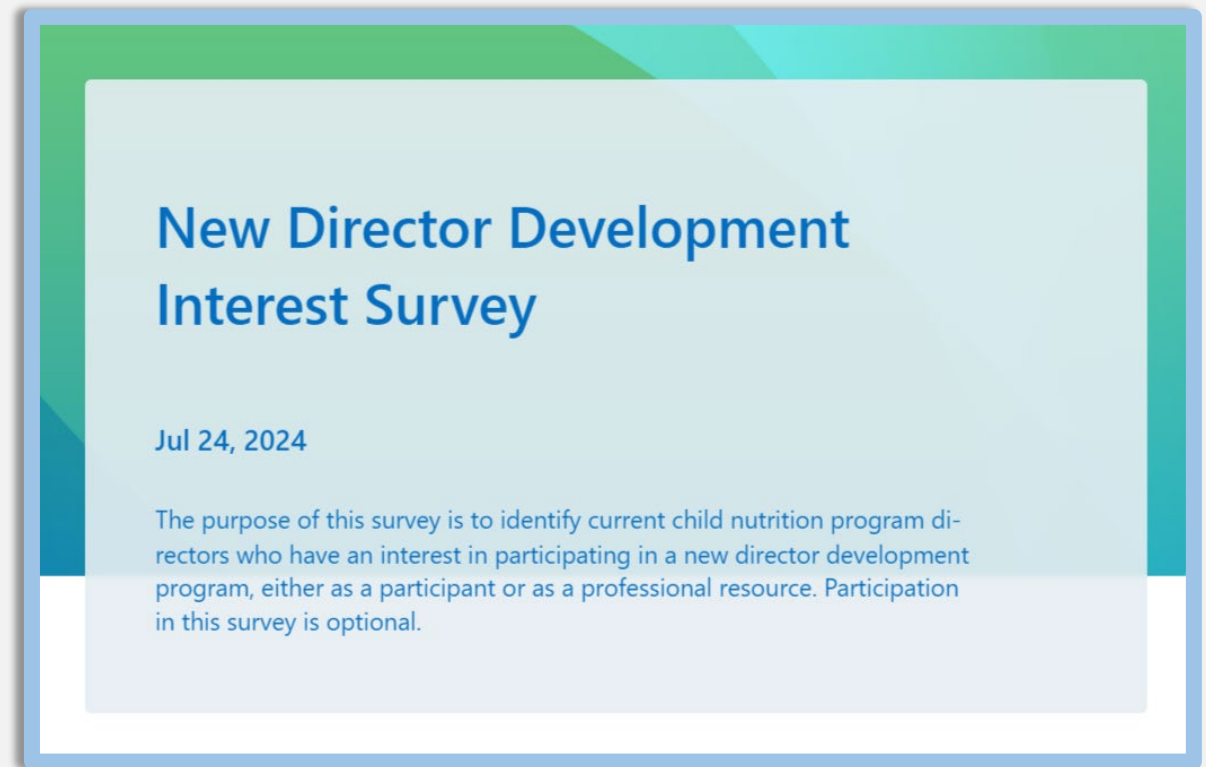
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New Director Development Interest Survey

- Mentor
- Mentee

Upcoming Distribution



Healthy Meals Incentive Recognition Awards

- **Apply Here:**

[Recognition Awards - Action for Healthy Kids
\(healthymealsincentives.org\)](http://healthymealsincentives.org)

- **Benefits:**

- Complimentary registration and travel stipend to attend an exclusive national Healthy Meals Summit in Las Vegas
- Recognition on USDA, Action for Healthy Kids, and HMI websites
- National and local recognition and media opportunities
- Networking
- Awardee Toolkit

Award Categories:

- Breakfast Trailblazer
- Innovative School Lunch Makeover
- Small and/or Rural SFA Breakfast Trailblazer
- Innovation in the Cultural Diversity of School Meals
- Lunch Trailblazer
- Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals
- Small and/or Rural SFA Lunch Trailblazer
- Innovation in Nutrition Education

Alabama's Healthy Meals Incentive Winners!

Marshall County, Hale County, and Haleyville City each received an HMI award for Innovation in Nutrition Education!

They will attend the Healthy Meals Summit in Las Vegas in October. Each of these districts held a Team Nutrition Open House Event which featured student taste testing.



Recipe Highlight: Buffalo Chicken Rice Dip - Healthy School Recipes

Ingredients

U.S.-grown rice, brown, parboiled	3¾ pounds
Dill, dried	2 tablespoons
Garlic, granulated	2 tablespoons
Onion, granulated	2 tablespoons
Salt, kosher	1 teaspoon
Chicken, cooked, diced (3 pounds 2 ounces)	3¾ pounds
Cheese, Cheddar, shredded, low sodium (3 pounds 2 ounces)	3¾ pounds
Water (3 quarts, 1 cup)	3¾ quarts
Buffalo sauce	2 cups
Yogurt, plain (1 quart, 1 cup)	1¾ quarts
Green onions, cut on bias	1 pound
Tortilla chips, whole grain – OR – Flatbread, whole grain, 1 ounce equivalent each (50 – one ounce equivalent servings)	50 ounces
Celery, sticks, 4 inches (3 sticks each)	3¾ pounds
Carrot, sticks, 4 inches (3 sticks each)	3¾ pounds



2/3 cups dip plus tortilla chips, carrots, and celery provides:

- 2 oz whole grain
- 2 oz meat/meat alternate
- ½ cup vegetable

Nutrition information:

- 450 calories
- 550 mg sodium
- 21 grams protein

**Consider incorporating USDA
Foods Diced Chicken (1000101)
and Shredded Cheddar (100012)!**

Junior Chef Competition Update

Alabama's Junior Chef competition was previously scheduled for March 7th, 2025; however, due to a schedule conflict we will be rescheduling.

Stay tuned for a new Junior Chef date!
It will take place in Spring of 2025.





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Timeframe	Tasks	Version
July 30 - First Day of School	• Official Excel spreadsheet released to schools • Enter initial student enrollment data • Send digital file to state agency	Initial Version 1
First Day of School - September 30	• State Agency will review the data and verify for accuracy • Database returned digitally to the school upon verification of data	Verified Version 1
October 1 - November 1	• Schools will review DC list and compare against newly enrolled students or students who did not previously qualify • Return updated digital database to State Agency	Updated Version 2
November 1 - December 30	• State Agency will review the data and verify for accuracy • Database returned digitally to the school upon verification of data	Verified Version 2



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SNA's Annual National Conference

Known as the School Nutrition Event of the Year, the School Nutrition Association's Annual National Conference (ANC) unites thousands of school nutrition program operators, industry partners, and allied organizations for an unparalleled educational and networking experience every July.



ANC 2024
ANNUAL NATIONAL
CONFERENCE

SHAPING
TOMORROW
TOGETHER
JULY 14-16, 2024 | BOSTON, MASS.

Way to go Alabama!

- ☆ 140+ in attendance from Alabama
- ☆ State of Excellence Award for Large Membership Division
- ☆ Top 10 in School District Owned Membership

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STATE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

1,026+
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ANC Award Winners



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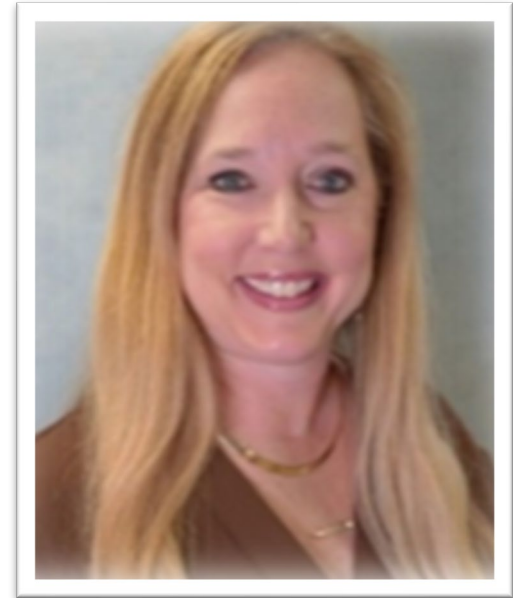
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2. Denise Hooper (TN)
3. Sonja Anthony, SNS (AL)
4. Jessica Shelly, SNS (OH)
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7. Meredith Potter, SNS (GA)
8. Gretchen Wilson, SNS (NC)
9. Rosie Jackson (LA)
10. Angela Broussard (LA)



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Training



DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	AREA
August 15 – 16, 2024	Administrative Review Training	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	Montgomery, AL
October 22 - 24	New Directors' Training	Gordon Persons Building Zeke Training Room/5 th Floor	Montgomery, AL
November 20 – 22, 2024	Fall Directors' Conference	The Grand Hotel	Fairhope, AL

Required!

Civil Rights Training Webinar

- Tuesday, July 30, 2024
- 1:00pm – 2:45pm
- Email with link to webinar sent Wednesday, June 26th.



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Administrative Review Training

- Training announcement sent June 20, 2024.
- Only SFAs being reviewed received announcement.
- 2-day training at GPB Auditorium - Montgomery
- *Life Events?* Submit form by Friday, July 12, 2024.



Thursday, August 15th
**Cramton Bowl Parking Lot will be
CLOSED. Please plan to park at
Patterson Field and take the shuttle
to the Gordon Persons Building.**

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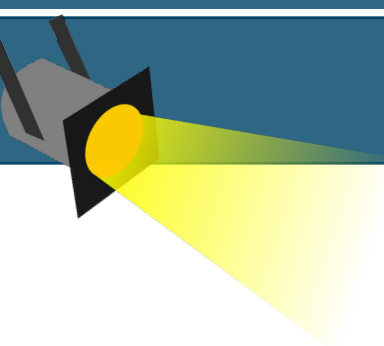
- Save the date! October 22 - 24, 2025
- By invitation only
- 3-day training at GPB in the Zeke Training Room-5th Floor



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A graphic of a spotlight with a yellow beam of light shining down on the name Laura Parker.

Laura Parker

Number of sites: 21

Number of employees: 94

Years in child nutrition: 15



What is your favorite part of your job? I love feeding people - simply being a part of a program that feeds and nourishes students, in turn helping parents, families, teachers, administrators, and communities - **it's definitely what my calling is in life.**

Most meaningful event that has ever happened in your job: During Covid, having individuals **recognize the employees and our program** for continuing to feed students was what kept me from stopping meal service. The chaos that we were all experiencing, not even knowing how we were going to find food, supplies, and the people to work - the willingness of the CNP staff, teachers, school staff, volunteers, and admin to make sure students had food was just **indescribable.**

Best advice for new directors: Don't expect to figure it all out your first year (or fifth!) and don't hesitate to ask for help and guidance -- fellow CNP Directors, State staff, and **your own managers and staff are outstanding resources.** Don't be afraid to try new things and make changes - big or small - in your new role. **Be brave!**



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