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Alabama State Department of Education
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OVERVIEW



REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

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REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

Final Review Reminder After School Snack Program (ASSP)

- All ASSPs must have one final review prior to the end of the program.
- Forms are available on Alabama Achieves website:

<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: _____ Date: _____

Reviewer's Name: _____

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

☐ First Review ☐ Second Review

Area Eligible School		Non-Area Eligible School			
Based on your observation, is valid documentation maintained for the following records?		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?					
8. Are educational records maintained for the previous 10 days?					

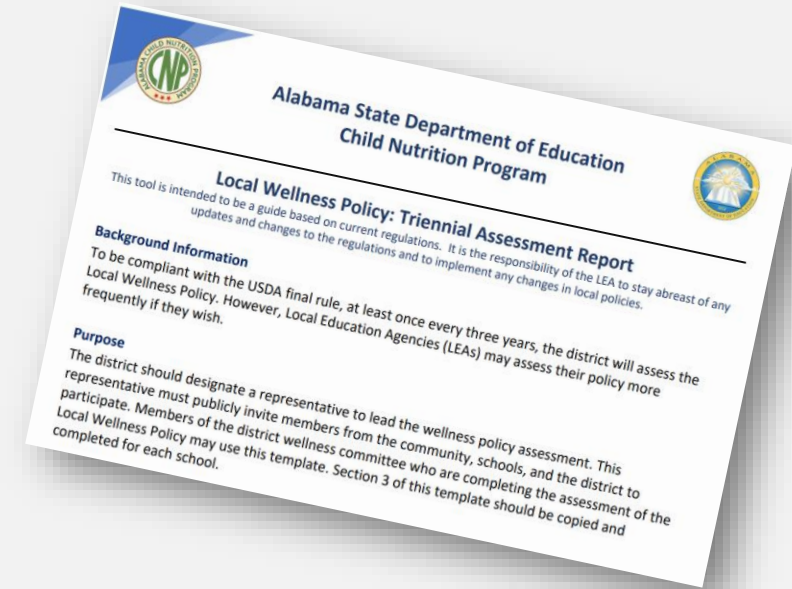
August 2016

Date: _____

REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment

- Assessment of the LEA's Wellness Policy must be conducted every three years.
- Once conducted, the results of the assessment should be made available to the public.
- Reminder – a complete assessment includes the following **three** areas:
 1. Comparison to a model policy
 2. Measured progress the district is making toward stated goals
 3. Reports of school level compliance with the policy



Click here for a [Triennial Assessment Template](#)
(also available on Alabama Achieves).



REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

SFSP Outreach – Summer Meals Site Finder

- School food authorities must cooperate with Summer Food Service Program sponsors to distribute materials to inform families of the availability and location of free Summer Food Service Program meals for students when school is not in session. 7 CFR 210.12(d)(2)
- The Summer Meals Site Finder will be LIVE for the 2025 summer season on May 9, 2025.
- Remember to document and timestamp your outreach efforts.



[Download a copy!](https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sunmeals)



MONTHLY MEMOS

CHAD LANGSTON

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MONTHLY MEMOS

ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 3/31/25)

- Product Mapping Reminder for LINQ Nutrition & Purchasing

ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/1/25)

- ACND Spring Meeting - April 16th in Montgomery

ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/1/25)

- SY 2025-2026 School Opening/Closure Notification

USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/2/25)

- Celebrate Every Kid Healthy Week

ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/3/25)

- 2025 Annual Civil Rights Training Webinar

MONTHLY MEMOS

ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/10/25)

- Celebrate School Lunch Hero Day on May 2nd!

ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/15/25)

- SY 2025-2026 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Eligibility Notification

ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/16/25)

- Save the Dates: Upcoming In-Person LINQ Training for Child Nutrition Directors

ALSDE Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/22/25)

- Poverty Data Error in PowerSchool

USDA Memo (emailed to all directors on 4/22/25)

- Secretary Rollins Statement on Dairy Industry Voluntarily Removing Artificial Colors from National School Lunch Program



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School Nutrition Program Areas

The School Nutrition Program section is excited to announce an upcoming in-person LINQ training session that will provide an opportunity for directors to begin completing the SY2025-2026 annual NSLP application, make any necessary corrections, and potentially submit their application.

Training Dates and Areas:

- June 3-4: Area 2, Area 4, Area 5, Area 6
- June 10-11: Area 1, Area 3
- June 11-12: Area 7



SNP Area Maps

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your area specialist:

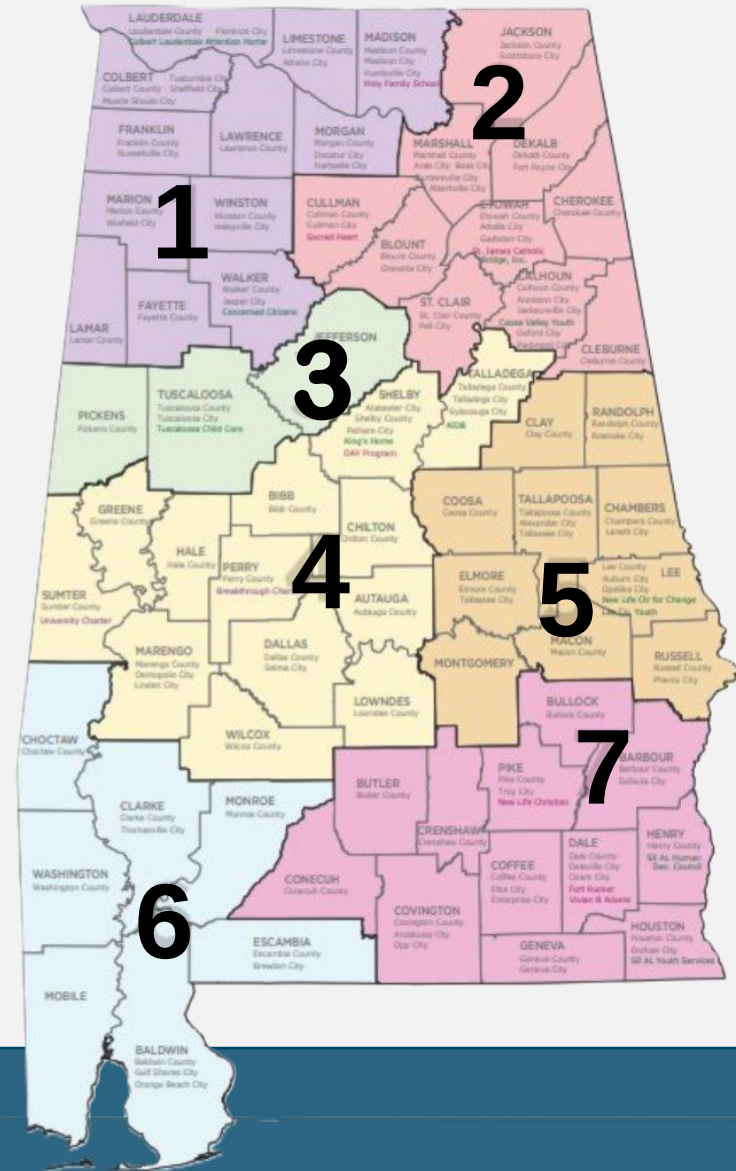
Area 1: Lori Ferguson

Area 6: Susanne Reeves

Area 2: Suzannah Yoder

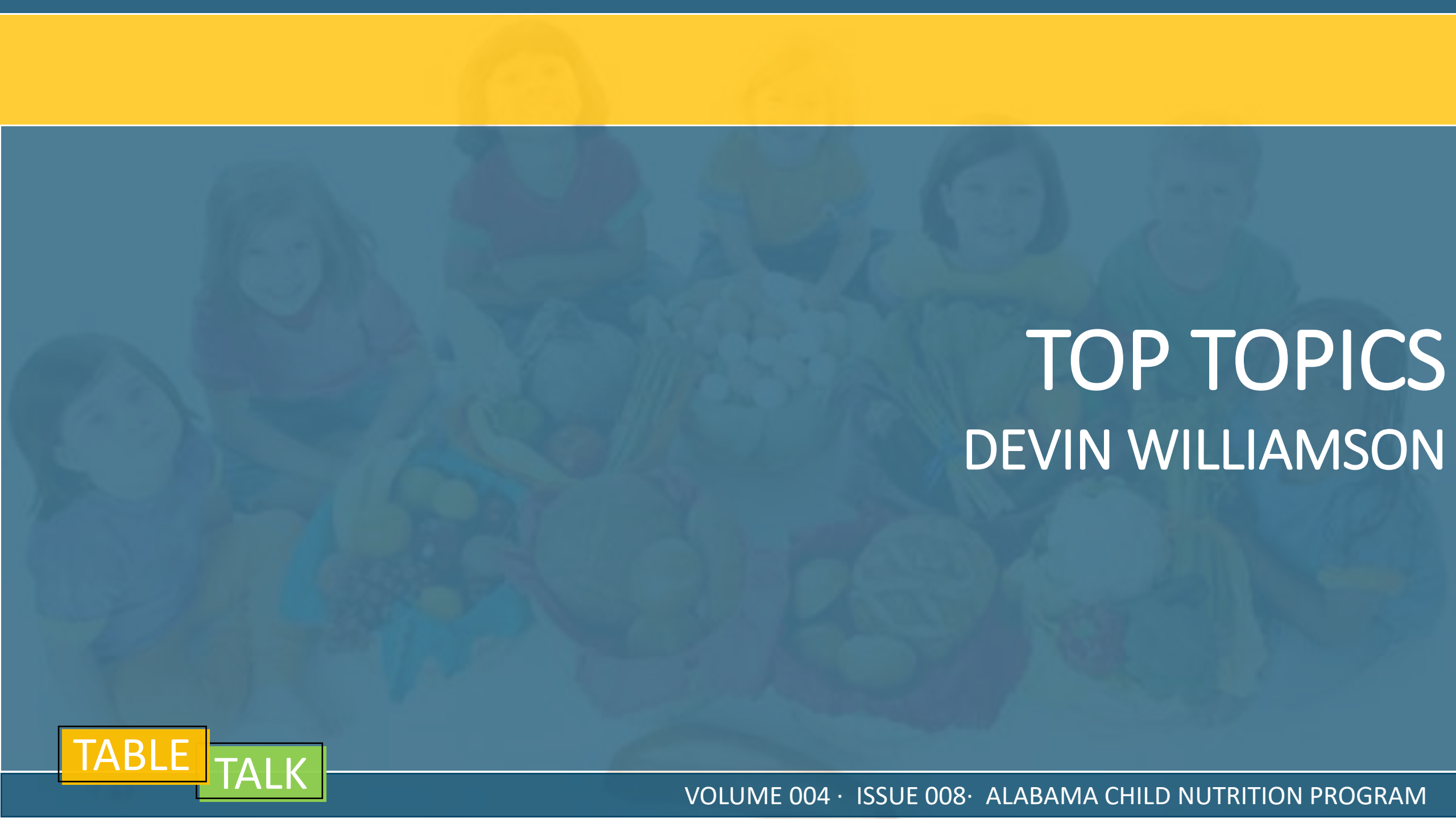
Area 7: Justin Hope

Areas 3, 4, & 5: Chad Langston and Sharon Allison



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DEVIN WILLIAMSON

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April 8th, 2025: F2S Culinary Challenge Workshop

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Rise & Dine Breakfast

Saturday, May 3rd

7:00-8:45 : Rise & Dine Breakfast Buffet

A Galactic Meet & Greet
with
Alabama Farmers

The Food Innovators of Tomorrow!



FFVP Applications are out now!

- Use the Docusign link in the email from the ALSDE on 3/20/25.
- If you have principals or managers that are interested in learning more, pass along the 10-minute informational video embedded in the email.
- Deadline to apply is May 16th, 2025.
- Contact Devin Williamson at 334-694-0834 or devin.williamson@alsde.edu for more information.



Summer Culinary Training from the Chef Ann Foundation

6 CEUs

More information to follow

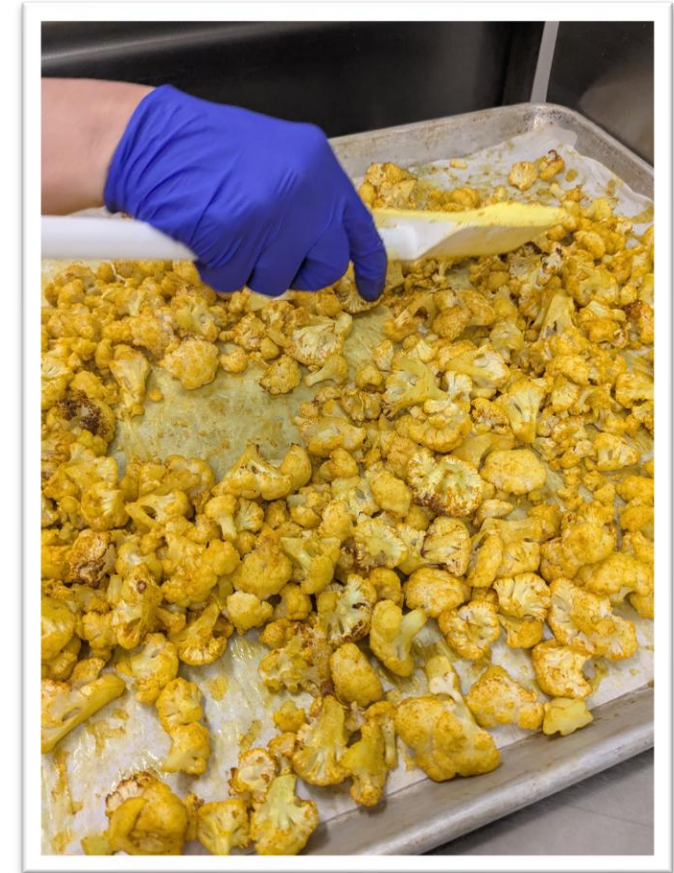
Topics:

- Culinary Math
- Breakfast Foods
- Knife Skills
- Small Equipment
- Hands-on Culinary Training
- Local Foods
- Spices

Date	City/County
June 2nd	Homewood/Jefferson
June 3rd	Homewood/Jefferson
June 4th	Homewood/Jefferson
June 5th	Montgomery/Montgomery
June 6th	Montgomery/Montgomery
July 7th	Greenville/Butler
July 8th	Andalusia/Covington

Date	City/County
July 9th	Gulf Shores/Baldwin
July 10th	University Charter/Sumter
July 11th	Demopolis/Marengo
July 21st	Salem/Lee
July 22nd	Pell City/St. Clair
July 23rd	Fairfield/Jefferson
July 24th	Haleyville/Winston
July 25th	Priceville/Morgan

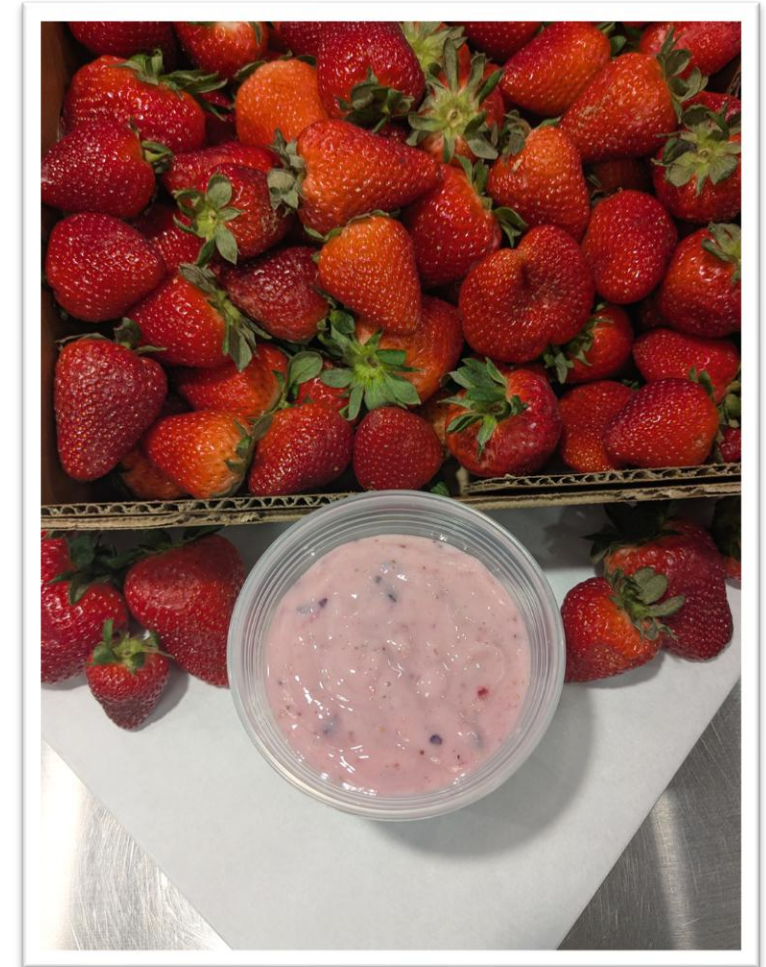
ALSDE's Culinary Challenge Taste Tests Golden (Turmeric) Cauliflower



ALSDE's Culinary Challenge Taste Tests Peanut Butter Bama Bar



ALSDE's Culinary Challenge Taste Tests Strawberry Smoothie



ALSDE's Culinary Challenge Taste Tests Peachy Keen Green Smoothie (Kale Smoothie)



2nd grade -5th grade

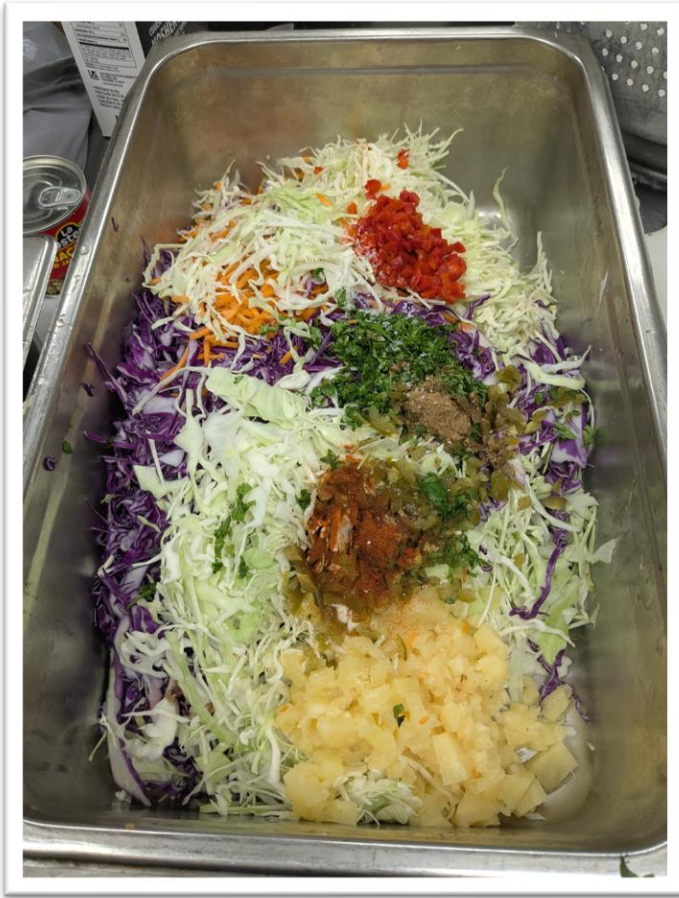




ALSDE's Culinary Challenge Taste Tests Veggie Hero Skillet (Eggplant) & Roasted Broccoli



ALSDE's Culinary Challenge Taste Tests Smokin' Slaw



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JUSTIN HOPE

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LINQ School Nutrition Webinar

WHO : All Alabama Directors & Staff who use LINQ School Nutrition

WHAT : Virtual Meeting for Users

- Updates on LINQ Purchasing Transition
- End of Year Procedures
- Summer Feeding directions

HOST: Carla Yamada- Director of Strategic Resolutions- Client Experience
Michelle Michels- Director of Consulting Services- Client Experience

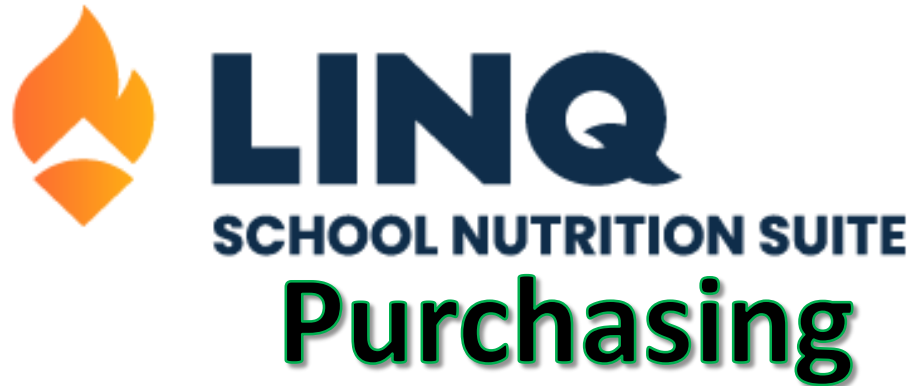
WHEN : Thursday May 8th, 2025 1:30-2:30pm

WHERE : Virtual- Zoom Meeting

<https://us-23212.join.gong.io/linq/carla.yamada/1473991943253418753>



LINQ
SCHOOL NUTRITION SUITE



Product Mapping

Nutrient & Item Information- *Coming Soon*

SWP LINQ Purchasing Presentation

**Breakout Session – Purchasing for Managers
Spring Conference- Saturday Afternoon**

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1-800-443-3536**



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[Eligibility and Enrollment](#)

[FAQs](#)

ALABAMA SUN BUCKS

Summer Nutrition Program for School-age Kids

[Check Your Eligibility](#) → or [Log into SUN Bucks Portal](#) →

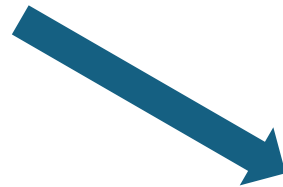




Social Media Toolkit

breakforaplate.com/summer

- Scroll down to the **SUN Bucks** heading
- Click on **Sun Bucks Social Media Toolkit**



SUN Bucks – Summer Grocery Benefits for Kids

SUN Bucks is a new grocery benefit available across most of the U.S. Families with eligible school-aged children can get \$120 per child to buy groceries during the summer.

SUN Bucks may have a different name depending on the state agency administering the program.

Families can receive SUN Bucks on top of other benefits like SNAP and WIC, and children can continue to enjoy free **SUN MEALS** from local meal sites or with **SUN MEALS TO-GO**.

SUN BUCKS SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

TRAINING TIDBITS

ROBBIE SCOTT

TRAINING TIDBITS



2025 Distributors Statewide Meeting



2025 Distributors Statewide Meeting for CNP Directors

LOCATION: Alabama Cattlemen's Association
201 South Bainbridge Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

WHEN: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WHO: Directors **or** a designated staff member

REGISTRATION ends on: Friday, June 13, 2025.

LUNCH: Join us for sample portions of SWP items!



Representatives from Wood Fruitticher and PFG will also be in attendance.



Parking is available in the lot directly behind the building on Bainbridge Street. Additional parking across and to the right of the intersection with Alabama Street. Please use the Mooseum entrance at the back of the building. Take the elevator to the third floor.

2025 Distributors Statewide Meeting for CNP Directors

Alabama Cattlemen's Association

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Wednesday, June 25, 2025

9:00 - 2:00



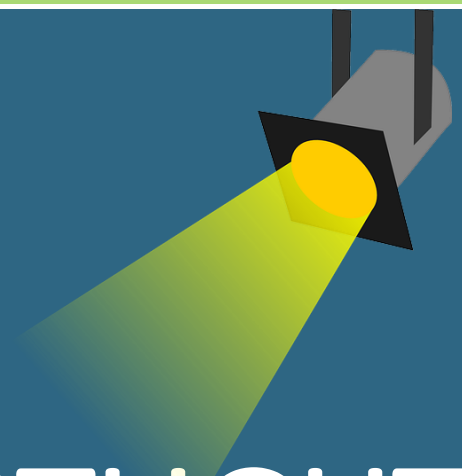
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|-------|---------------------------|---|
| 9:00 | Registration and Mingling | Angelice Lowe
State Director; ALSDE CNP |
| 10:00 | Welcome and Introductions | Julie Autrey
Education Administrator; ALSDE CNP |
| 10:10 | USDA Compliance | Justin Hope
Education Specialist; ALSDE CNP |
| 10:55 | Titan Update | Tammy Lofton;
Education Administrator; ALSDE CNP |
| 11:15 | USDA Updates | Andrew Morton;
Statewide Procurement Specialist; ALSDE CNP |
| 12:00 | SWP Update | Andrew Morton;
Statewide Procurement Specialist; ALSDE CNP |
| 12:15 | Distributor/Vendor Intros | AL/ MFGs |
| 12:55 | Grazing/Samples | |





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EVENT	DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	AREA
Alabama School Nutrition Association Conference 2025	May 1 – 2, 2025	ALSDE	Von Braun Center	Huntsville, AL
	May 2 – 3, 2025	ASNA		
NEW MANAGERS TRAINING	June 25 – 26, 2025	New Managers	Shelby County Instructional Services Center	Alabaster, AL
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRAINING	August 12 – 13, 2025	AR Training	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	Montgomery, AL
NEW DIRECTORS TRAINING	August 18 – 22, 2025	New Directors	Gordon Persons Building Zeke	Montgomery, AL
FALL CONFERENCE	November 11 – 14, 2025	Fall Conference	The Grand Hotel Resort and Conference Center	Point Clear, AL



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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Employee Spotlight

Administrative Support Assistants



Asia, Lakesha, Glendora, Nealie, Kimberly, and Stephanie

Child Nutrition Programs (CNP)

Nealie Floyd

School Programs (NSLP)

Asia Fallen

Lakesha Welch

Food Distribution

Glendora Christian

Child and Adult Care Programs (CACFP)

Kimberly Flynn

Summer Nutrition (SUN)

Stephanie Wimpee

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