

SFSP Sponsors,

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Reminders/Updates

- If there are changes to your site's operation, be sure to revise the application and resubmit for approval. Site changes must be approved prior to implementation.
 - Please note that only approved sites are able to participate in the program.
- Remember to document the pre-operational site visit, using the pre-operational site visit form (Attachment 13), for all new sites that do not participate in the NSLP or CACFP prior to site operations: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/osnsfspresources>

Upcoming Events

- The Colorado SFSP will be the non-profit of the match for the Colorado Rapids on Friday, June 19 at 7pm. 300 free tickets for kids participating in the SFSP and discounted parent tickets are available. Families will also have the opportunity to participate in the pre-game flag ceremony. Please distribute the attached flyer to kids and families at your sites!
- The first week of June is the National Summer Meals Kickoff Week! If you are interested in hosting your own kickoff event, check out the attached kick-off guide.
- The Ask the USDA webinar will take place on June 10 and June 11 at 1:00pm. To register, visit: www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2015-summer-meals-webinars. To view previously recorded webinars, visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2015-summer-meals-webinars>.
- The FNS is sponsoring a study of summer meal programs that will provide information about program operations, including factors affecting participation and characteristics of summer meal program operators and participants. Starting in May, your organization may be contacted to participate in a webinar and complete a survey (300 will be selected nationwide). Starting in June, 350 sites nationwide will be asked to complete a survey. This is the first official summer meals evaluation since 2003 and final results will be shared in late 2016.

Best Practices

- Governor Hickenlooper has recorded (in English and Spanish) announcements about summer meals and where to find them. These announcements can be used for PSAs on local access or as a recording for a call to families. The recordings can be found at: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/nzdlncmbnrcu3k/AAA8egERjncDpj2r-EBCPxQEa?dl=0>.
- High Five Stickers are now available! Give these stickers to children you spot eating a healthy summer lunch. Sponsors may request up to 3 free rolls of 200 High Five stickers by completing

the online order form at: <http://tn.ntis.gov/>. The stickers are listed under *Posters and Other Materials*.

- Hunger Free Colorado is working with Francisco Miraval to gather stories from parents who had their children participate in summer meals last year-- specifically, Latino parents. These stories will be used to help build trust in the program and promote the program through word of mouth, social media and local media. To do so, we need your help to connect with site staff or others who can then help connect with families. If you know parents with inspiring stories, please contact Cate Blackford at cate@hungerfreecolorado.org or 303-228-7990.
- Help spread the word about Colorado PEAK – a tool for Coloradans to sign up for programs that help support their families! Only 57% of eligible families in Colorado are enrolled in SNAP and Colorado PEAK can connect people to SNAP (food stamps), free/low-cost health coverage, financial assistance, and help with child care. The PEAK Outreach Initiative provides FREE brochures, posters, and client cards upon request. If you would like to provide this information to kids and families at your sites, you can [order materials](#) or visit PEAKOutreach.com or email PEAKOutreach@bouldercounty.org.
- Share Our Strength and Meals on Wheels developed a case study on how organizations can serve meals to seniors and kids during the summer. Check out the full case study [here](#). The [Connecting Child and Senior Hunger](#) one-pager also discusses steps organizations can take to make these connections in your community.
- First Book and Share Our Strength have teamed up to add books to your summer meals programs. The Healthy Kids Summer Book Bundle includes fun and healthy books for kids in elementary and middle school. The bundle includes 25 books for \$80 and was made possible by C&S Wholesale Grocers. Learn more about this opportunity at: <http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/nutrition-program-sponsor-center>

SFSP in the News*

- The Food Bank for Larimer County's Kids Cafe plans to serve 53,000 meals this summer: http://www.reporterherald.com/news/larimer-county/ci_28176078/kids-cafe-53-000-meals-this-summer

SFSP updates are provided to SFSP main contacts bi-weekly during the off-season and weekly during peak-season.

If the contact person for your organization changes, please be sure to let [Ashley Moen](#) know. Did you miss an update? For past updates, click [here](#).

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