Community of Practice Call

COVID-19 Emergency Food Service
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California Food for California Kids is an initiative of the Center for Ecoliteracy
LunchAssist PRO
SY 20-21 Professional Development
and The Collective
agenda

- district spotlights
- policy + funding updates
- resources, grants, events
- how to stay connected!

usda professional standards
1110, 1160, 2210, 2420, 2460, 2640, 3230, 3240, 4120, 4130, 4150

1 hour of professional development
happy pride month!
district spotlights
vista unified school district, ca
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santa clara unified school district, ca
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San Diego Unified
@sdschools

Exciting news! We are proud to share that Superintendent Cindy Marten has been confirmed as the next U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education, and will prepare to transition from San Diego Unified to Washington, D.C. to serve President @JoeBiden and students nationwide. #BetterSD

Congrats!
policy + funding
97 nationwide waivers

- **new** waiver #97: administrative reviews
  - **✓** ARs **will** occur for schools operating SSO
  - **✓** remote reviews *(until 30 days after the emergency)*
  - ○ certain elements will be **waived**:
    - ✗ meal applications
    - ✗ PLE

- **new** SP 11-2021: consolidated appropriations act
  - ✗ prohibition on poultry imported from China
  - **✓** starchy vegetables allowed at breakfast
policy updates | federal

reminders:

● all schools may serve meals for free under the SSO until 6/30/22
  ○ no area eligibility waiver required!
  ○ allowable for open and/or closed sites

● SFSP reimbursement rates paid for SSO meals
● state reimbursement on top of that! (CA)
policy updates | federal

extended until june 30, 2022:

● non-congregate meals service
● meal time requirements
● parent meal pick-up
● area eligibility for CACFP and NSLP snack
### Policy Updates | Federal

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**Expires Soon**

**New**
policy updates | federal

meal pattern waivers:

- **new** SSO meal pattern waiver
  - applies to **SY 21-22 only**
  - expected to meet the meal pattern to the greatest extent possible
  - state agencies must re-authorize the use of this waiver on a **case-by-case** basis

- items that may be waived:
  - sodium requirements
  - whole grain requirements
  - vegetable subgroups
  - 2 types of milk
  - unflavored low-fat milk
  - age/grade groups
policy updates | federal

meal pattern waivers:

- **new** CACFP meal pattern waiver
  - effective 7/1/21
  - expected to meet the meal pattern to the greatest extent possible
  - state agencies must re-authorize the use of this waiver on a case-by-case basis

- items that may be waived:
  - whole grain requirements
  - crediting by oz. equivalents
  - unflavored low-fat milk
policy updates | federal

reminders:

- CACFP suppers/snacks + NSLP snacks
  - ✔️ free, regardless of area eligibility, until 6/30/22
  - ✔️ programs can operate until the last day of SY 20-21
  - ✔️ resume service on the first day of SY 21-22
  - ❌ not permitted during summer school or summer vacation
meal applications under SSO

- permitted but not required
  - if applications are collected, then verification is required
  - collecting applications helps families qualify for p-EBT
meal applications under SSO

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- **⭐ meal applications vs. alternative income forms: pros & cons**
f/r meal applications

- allowable cost
- familiar to families
- low response rate in SY 20-21
- complex form
- parent must complete form
- confusing concept
  - “why should I ‘apply’ if meals are already free?”

alternative income forms

- unallowable cost
- unfamiliar to families
- better response rate
- simple form
- phone-a-form allowed*
- concept can be explained
  - “this will help provide more classroom $ to our school!”

*the CDE permitted schools to call families and complete LCFF forms over the phone during SY 20-21. TBD for SY 21-22.
Policy updates | California

School meals for all: legislature set to include in CA budget

- $54 million in 2021-22 / $650 million ongoing - access to free meals for every student in CA public schools
- $247 million - budget deficit relief for school nutrition
- $200 million - SN training & kitchen equipment
- $30 million - farm to school

Ask Governor Newsom to support today!
resources · events · grants
2021 spring / summer SNP checklist
resources | supporting LGBTQ students

● create a “safe zone”
  ○ the safe zone project is a free online resource for powerful, effective LGBTQ awareness and ally training workshops

● resources
  ○ pronoun guide
  ○ LGBTQ-inclusive language dos and don’ts
  ○ 2-hour safe zone curriculum
  ○ for more information and resources, visit www.glsen.org

● training video
  ○ cultural competence for school nutrition professionals
    ■ USDA professional standards key area: 4000
    ■ 20 minutes of PD
key concepts:

- what is emergency procurement... and why does it matter?
- how to use emergency procurement
- tips & reminders
- emergency procurement template

How to Use Emergency Procurement

Let's go shopping! Or rather, for us School Nutrition Professionals, let's go procuring! As most child nutrition directors know, purchasing items for your cafeteria is not as simple as running to the local grocery store. Procurement requires great finesse to get what you want, when, and where you need it... and at the best price... all while not breaking any rules. This...
**Resources | SY 21-22 AR Boot Camp**

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**Scheduled for a Review Next Year?**
Join the LunchAssist SY 21-22 AR Boot Camp!

Camp begins on May 5, 2021!
Rolling enrollment.

**What’s Included?**
- Self-Guided Modules: ...
- Off-Site Assessment Cheat Sheet: ...
- Monthly Gath...
- Weekly Templates, Tools, Checklists: ...

**Who is This For?**
This Boot Camp is for YOU!
- New Nutrition Directors
- Experienced Directors
- Directors in every state
- Districts and charters
- Others who function as the School Nutrition Director

**What is the Investment?**
Member Price: $745
Non-Member: $995

*Are you already a LunchAssist PRO Member? Existing PRO members receive a $250 discount.

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**Dates**

**SY 21-22 AR Boot Camp Dates & Session Information**

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**Camp Schedule**

Camp officially starts in Spring 2021, but enrollment is on a rolling basis, which means you can join anytime! If you are joining us later in the year, just be sure to start from the beginning and watch the recordings of the live events, so you don’t miss a beat!

**Welcome to Camp! Camp Begins 5/5/21!**
- Live Kick-Off Event

**Session 1:** Get a Jump Start! Available 5/5 on LunchAssist PRO
- Introduction to the AR Boot Camp
- Survival Tips
- Administrative Review 101
- Professional Standards & Summer Outreach
- Local School Wellness Policy & Trauma-Informed Education
- Resource Management 101

**Session 2:** Preparing for the Review! Available 6/4 on LunchAssist PRO
- Off-Site Assessment (OSA)
  - Overview of each section of the OAS
  - LunchAssist OAS Answer Key
  - Preparation Menu Documentation
  - Planning for the Meal Observation
- Ace your Entrance Visit

**Session 3:** Wrapping Up & Next Steps! Available 12/1 on LunchAssist PRO
- Filing Corrective Actions
- Staying “Audit Ready” in non-review years
COMIDAS GRATIS
PARA TODOS
LOS NIÑOS

resources | no kid hungry
resources | enrichment & water

- **usda** | summer activity guides
- **nutrition policy institute** | tap water safety when reopening buildings
- **nutrition policy institute** | effective access to drinking water in schools
resources | **meals 4 families**

- online database for families to find free meals this summer
- upload your district info!
- [https://meals4families.community](https://meals4families.community)
upcoming events

- **June 8, 9:30 am PT | National Farm to School Network**
  - driving sustainable F2S initiatives through the farm to school institute model

- **June 8, 10:30 am PT | Food Corps**
  - celebrating 75 years of the national school lunch program
upcoming events

- **June 14-24 | Edible Schoolyard**
  - Summer training at home

- **June 17, 12 PM PT | FRAC**
  - Planning for next school year
wrap up
Virtual Gatherings

School Food Innovators Series
PLANT FORWARD

Culinary Trainings for School Food Staff
California Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

A Procurement and Marketing Project in Partnership with School Food Distributors
Inspiration, Support, and Guidance

We believe school nutrition programs should be able to put all of their attention on feeding our children well. With so many rules and regulations, that task has never been more difficult.

The LunchAssist Community is here to help you succeed.
Step 1: Check out our blog!

Step 2: Join the Community!
- Receive monthly newsletters with policy updates, resources, and webinar invites!

Step 3: Attend the LunchAssist Community Calls (and invite your friends)!
- Second Thursday of every month, starting 9/9

Step 4: Become a member of LunchAssist PRO!

Step 5: Join the LunchAssist AR Boot Camp!
discussion