

September 4, 2019 Board Update

Food and Nutrition Division



Division Overview

- Pending matters of significance
 - School Nutrition
 - USDA Proposed Regulation: On July 23, 2019, USDA proposed a regulation change to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that means low-income students will no longer automatically be eligible to receive free school meals. (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/fr-072419>)
 - Community Nutrition
 - Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP) Investigation: Food and Nutrition Division (FND) staff made a follow-up visit to Imagination Station to ensure it had implemented corrective actions for previous serious deficiencies. Some areas of deficiencies persist. NDA worked with the center to implement a new process with the goal of correcting the current issues and preventing these problems from taking place in the future. If this problem remains at the next unannounced visit, all four Imagination Stations and their owner will be removed from CACFP and placed on the national disqualified list for seven years.
- Partnership activities
 - Community Nutrition
 - USDA Specialists in Rural and Tribal Affairs
 - Collaboration between FND Community Nutrition staff, the tribal council, and tribal chairpersons will result in finding the best way to help the children of the Te-Meok Tribe of Western Shoshone receive nutritious meals in child care, after school, and during school breaks.
 - FND staff will conduct training on program requirements and how the program funding can help support serving nutritious meals in childcare centers and licensed daycare homes. This is a collaborative effort with one of our large sponsors to expand CACFP in this area of the state which includes approximately 7 centers and 3 family day care homes.
 - Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
 - Collaboration with the DPBH to implement strategies to increase access to CACFP, will reduce and prevent childhood obesity. There are approximately 1,100 Early Childcare Education programs throughout Nevada, including child care centers, Head Start programs, family/group day care homes and Family, Friends and Neighbors. We have 204 facilities on the CACFP with a projected increase of 5-10% over the next year.
 - Governor's Council on Food Security (GCFS) Policy Subcommittee (September 2019)

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- Collaborating to improve food security throughout the State, including increasing participation in the Community Nutrition programs, CACFP and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and concentrating on strategies to minimize food waste.

Program Updates

- Audit Services
 - Conducted retail price surveys and general store check investigations for 31 locations in the southern and northern marketing areas.
 - Audit reviews and single audits are required to comply with federal regulations:
 - Completed 6 Audit Reviews for subrecipients that are *exempt* from Single Audit requirement threshold (total Federal awards received less than \$750,000).
 - Completed 2 Single Audit Reviews for subrecipients that exceeded the requirement threshold for FY 2018.
- School Nutrition
 - 140 sites were approved to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program. This is an increase from 116 sites in 2018, and 103 sites in 2017. The SSO allows schools to feed children in the school area free of charge during summer.
 - Approved fifteen Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) sponsor applications for School Year (SY) 2019-20 (representing 314 out of 345 eligible schools). This includes the first district-wide CEP participation in Nye County School District. CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas that allows the nation’s highest-poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students. This eliminates the burden of collecting household applications to determine eligibility. This is important because it increases access and reduces food insecurity with school children.
 - 253 Nevada schools were notified to serve Breakfast After the Bell (SB 503) in SY2019-20 compared to 232 schools in SY2018-19.
- Community Nutrition
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) (access to free meals for children). *Note: Table does not include all sponsor participation due to claiming timelines.*

SFSP Sponsors, Sites and Meals Served SY 2020							
Month	Sponsors	Rural and Self-Prep			Urban and Vended		
		Sites	Meals	ADP*	Sites	Meals	ADP
July	23	115	123,980	4,233	54	51,886	1,850

*ADP = Average Daily Participation

- Food Distribution
 - Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program: FND has issued 5,435 coupon booklets to low-income seniors throughout Nevada for a total value of \$163,050

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redeemable at farmers markets. This is a “one-shot” issuance of booklets, all issued at the start of the program. The program ended in southern Nevada on July 31st and will continue in northern Nevada through September.

- Food Safety - Food Safety staff conducted the following:
 - 30 dairy farm inspections and three re-inspections.
 - 26 food processing plant inspections and three re-inspections. (milk plants, cheese plants, ice cream plants, butter processor, and retail ice cream facilities)
 - 11 bulk milk hauler evaluations.
 - 9 milk tank truck inspections.
 - 4 meat and poultry processing facility inspections.
 - 23 store checks for illegal products, such as raw milk in the form of food for humans or pets, or grade “A” dairy products that come from facilities not listed on the Interstate Milk Shippers List.)

Industry Impact

- School Nutrition
 - On July 23, 2019 the United States Department of Agriculture proposed regulation changes that will impact SNAP recipients. If the proposed Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the SNAP rule is passed, the recipients with a household income 185-200% of the federal poverty level will lose their SNAP benefits. If the affected SNAP recipients are not receiving other forms of public assistance in Nevada such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Food Distribution on Indian Reservations, or Medicaid, they will automatically receive school meal application to determine their eligibility for free or reduced-priced meal programs. FND is currently working with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to determine the potential impact of the proposed rule on school nutrition program eligibility.
- Food Distribution
 - Trade Mitigation continues to more than double the amount of USDA Foods provided to food banks through the Emergency Food Assistance Program compared to years past. Our food bank partners have added several new distribution sites to accommodate the increase in food. While there is no end in sight, FND and food bank partners will need to be prepared to transition to a smaller volume of food once Trade Mitigation ends. Without specifics, we know that Trade Mitigation will continue at least through the first quarter of calendar year 2020.