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To: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors

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Re: 2013 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Policy Memorandums and Outreach Opportunities & Resources

Below is an overview of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy memos issued following the release of the 2013 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Guidance Manuals.

Demonstration Project for Excessive Heat

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) initiated a new demonstration project allowing non-congregate feeding at certain outdoor summer meal sites experiencing excessive heat. Please visit USDA's website at http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2013/SP24_SFSP10-2013os.pdf to review the revised policy. If you are interested in participating in the excessive heat demonstration project sponsors must be approved by Department of Public Instruction (DPI) prior to participating. Please complete and sign the Summer Food Service Program and School Nutrition Programs Addendum to Permanent Agreement/ Policy Statements (PI-6300) located on DPI's website at: www.wisummerfood.org.

Guidance Related to the ADA Amendments Act

USDA released a memorandum to provide sponsors participating in the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) with additional clarifications on making dietary accommodations for children with disabilities as required under Section 9(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC 1758(a), CNP regulations and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), P.L. 110-25. The ADAAA amended the Federal definition of disability, broadening it to cover additional individuals. Because of this broader definition, it is reasonable that CNP operators may see more children identified by their licensed physicians as having a food related disability than were identified previously. The CNPs continue to require that participants seeking an accommodation for a disability that is food-related must provide a statement from a licensed physician identifying the food-related disability and indicating the required meal accommodation. Please visit USDA's website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/Policy-Memos/2013/SP36-2013os.pdf> to review this policy memo.

Q&A Regarding the Participation of Head Start Programs in Child Nutrition Programs

The purpose of this memorandum is to consolidate USDA's policy regarding the participation of Head Start Programs in the Child Nutrition Programs. To review this policy memo, please visit USDA's website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/Policy-Memos/2013/SP40-2013os.pdf>.

Transitioning from the SFSP to the Child and Adult Care Food Program At-risk Afterschool Meals

The purpose of this memo is to highlight the flexibilities available to SFSP sponsors transitioning into the At-risk Afterschool Meals component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) during the school year. Many existing SFSP sites are well-positioned to offer afterschool meals during the school year through CACFP. Both organizations and communities benefit when meals are offered to children in low-income communities year-round. Organizations benefit from having the ability to hire year-round staff, a continuous flow of reimbursements providing additional financial stability, and recognition in the community as a stable source of services. Communities benefit by having a partner that provides year-round nutrition services for children and brings increased Federal funds into the local economy. To review the policy memo, please visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer/Administration/policy.html>. For more information about participating in the CACFP At-risk afterschool meals program please contact our office at (608) 267-9129.

Outreach Opportunities & Resources

Register your Open SFSP sites with 2-1-1

Reach out to the 2-1-1 call center in your area to have them list your summer feeding sites that are open to all children in your community as a resource for families in need. 2-1-1 provides free and confidential information and referrals to services that provide help with food, housing, employment, health care, and more. To find your local 2-1-1 call center please visit www.211wisconsin.org. The DPI will also be posting all SFSP open sites on www.wisummerfood.org and with Why Hunger, <http://www.whyhunger.org/findfood>

Request Outreach Materials from DPI

DPI has a supply SFSP posters, doorhanger, lawn signs (available in English & Spanish), and 'business' cards that can be used to promote the open SFSP sites throughout your community. To request materials, please contact Shiela Coulton at 608-267-9129.

If you have any questions regarding the SFSP, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (608-266-7124) or by email: amy.kolano@dpi.wi.gov.