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July 29 - August 1, 2024
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Job Openings!

Bensalem Township School District

Bensalem Township School District is anticipating hiring an Assistant Food Service Coordinator for the 2024-25 school year. The Bensalem Township School District is in beautiful Bucks County, Pa. Their supportive community includes six elementary schools, two middle schools, and Bensalem High School. Their Act 93 agreement includes great pay along with amazing benefits. Apply today to join their team.

[Apply Now](#)

Spring Grove Area School District

The Spring Grove Area School District is hiring a Nutrition Services Manager. This individual will oversee and direct the Nutrition Services program of the school district. The district-level manager oversees all aspects of the district-wide meal program, develops, and implements programs within organizational policies, and reports major activities to executive level administrators through conferences and reports.

[Apply Now](#)

The New Directors 24/25 Cohort

This year-long hybrid learning experience provides a unique opportunity for new and emerging directors to gain fundamental program knowledge through planned education sessions. Participants receive targeted support and education to learn the responsibilities of the job as they work through the school year.

Our inaugural 24/25 cohort will be limited to **15** qualified SNA/SNAPA members

Kick-off for this exciting opportunity will start with an in-person Lunch Launch at the 24 SNAPA Annual Conference, hosted at the Kalahari Resort

Two in-person events and monthly virtual meetings with educational leaders offering both learning and collaboration opportunities

Program cost is \$150 and includes 1 year enrollment, classroom materials, and the cost of meals at the exclusive two in-person events

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USDA Invests More than \$2.3 Million to Support Indigenous Foods in School Meals

Secretary Vilsack announced over \$2.3 million in grants to bring more Indigenous foods to Tribal communities' child nutrition programs. These grants aim to preserve cultural identity and provide nutritious meals to children. Led by Tribal members, recipient organizations will use funds to integrate traditional foods into school meals. This initiative reflects USDA's commitment to supporting Indigenous foods and enhancing school nutrition programs under the Biden-Harris Administration.

To learn more about these Initiatives click below to read the full release!

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Webinar

On **Thursday, June 20**, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT, USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Farm to School Team (USDA Farm to School Team) will host a webinar for farm to school partners, including Child Nutrition Program operators, on the expanded geographic preference option in the final rule, [Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#). The final rule includes a small yet significant expansion of the geographic preference provision. Beginning July 1, 2024, the provision will permit CNP operators to use local as a specification when procuring unprocessed agricultural products. The USDA Farm to School Team will provide an overview to help farm to school partners share and learn about the expanded geographic preference option.

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SNAPA Awards



We are excited to announce the introduction of two new awards recognizing outstanding contributions to school nutrition in Pennsylvania: the PA School Nutrition Ally Award and the Super Star Service Award. These awards provide a wonderful opportunity to honor those who go above and beyond in supporting and promoting school nutrition.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to recognize the incredible work being done in our community. Submit your nominations by June 25 and help us celebrate those who make a difference in school nutrition!

[Submit a Nomination!](#)



SNA Webinar

“Unlocking the Power of Sorghum: A Sustainable Supergrain for School Meals,”
 (June 20 @ 3:00 p.m. ET) to discover the nutritional, sustainable and culinary benefits of sorghum. Learn about its rich history, its growth in the United States and how this gluten-free, high-fiber and antioxidant-rich whole grain can enhance school meals.
[Register here!](#)



#ANC2024

Are you attending ANC2024? If so the full schedule for SNA's Annual National Conference (#ANC24) is now available!

Click here to view the full schedule to start planning your session line-up. Please note, the [#ANC24](#) schedule is fluid and subject to change.



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School Nutrition Program Monthly

June 2024

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- July 1st: Last day to enter an April claim for reimbursement.
- June 30th: Deadline to elect the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- June 30th: Food Safety Inspection Report is due in CN PEARS.
- State Office are Closed on June 19th.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Application Process Townhall
 - Tuesday, June 4, 2024
 - 2:00-3:00 PM ([Click Here to Join the Live Event](#))
 - Monday, June 24, 2024
 - 10:00-11:00 AM ([Click Here to Join Live Event](#))



Monthly Celebration:

- National Dairy Month
- National Corn on the Cob Day: June 11, 2024
- National Pollinator Week: June 17-23, 2024



Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month:

- Strawberries ([PA Harvest of the Month](#))

Deadline to Elect CEP

SFAs applying to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) during the 2024-2025 school year must enter and save the Identified Student Percentage (ISP) data into the CEP Site List in CN PEARS by 11:59 pm EST on June 30th.

All current CEP participants, and LEAs wishing to participate in the CEP next school year, must adhere to this required deadline. The timeline of entering your data into CN PEARS is very important; these are regulatory deadlines and PDE, DFN does not have the authority to provide exceptions.

CEP Resources:

- CN PEARS→ Download Forms→ Community Eligibility Program Section

School Nutrition Program Application Packet

School Nutrition Programs (SNP) sponsors must renew their SNP Application Packet annually. PDE, DFN strongly recommends that sponsors submit the application packet in CN PEARS at least two weeks prior to their meal service start date.

- Application Packet must be approved to claim for reimbursement.

Sponsors cannot claim meals for more than one month prior to the original approval date of the Application Packet.

Application Packet Resources:

- CN PEARS→ Download Forms→ PEARS User Manual(s), Worksheets, and Guides section.

Attend an Application Process Townhall, which will guide you through the application packet process (see details above in Upcoming Training Opportunities).

Food Safety Inspection Report

All schools participating in the SNP are required to obtain two food safety inspections each year (or maintain documentation to show that the LEA has requested two inspections take place). PDE, DFN is required to report the number of food safety inspections every school has had each year. To collect this information, the Food Safety Inspections Report must be submitted in CN PEARS by June 30th.

Food Safety Inspection Report Resources:

CN PEARS→ Download Forms→ Food Safety/HAACP section.

Note of the Month

As the academic year comes to a close, PDE, DFN hope you take some time to rest and enjoy the summer months.



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