



Summer Meals Newsletter

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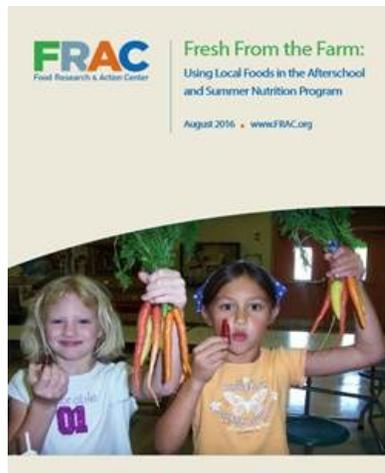
SUMMER 2016 WAS A WIN!
TIME FOR NEXT YEAR'S PLANNING TO BEGIN!

What's New?

Fresh From the Farm!

Interested in including more local foods, or food and agriculture-based activities in your Summer Meals Program? Check out FRAC's new Fresh From the Farm guide <http://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/produceguide.pdf>.

For more farm to summer information to help you plan for summer 2017, check out USDA's farm to summer website <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-summer>



Upcoming USDA and Partner Events

September 1st, 1:00 PM EST

FRAC: Healthcare Partnerships

http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5118/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=82043

October 6th, 1:00 PM EST

FRAC: Making Breakfast Work in the Summer

http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5118/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=82681

October 13th, 2:00 PM EST

USDA FNS: CACFP and SFSP Data

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Save the Date! On October 13th, FNS will be hosting a webinar about SFSP and CACFP data. This webinar will give demonstrations of the suite of mapping (GIS) tools built for both SFSP and CACFP participants, partners and State agencies. Webinar participants will learn how to access these tools and data, as well as strategies for analyzing these data. This session will include the lessons learned regarding development of the tools as well as time for questions. You can register for the webinar at <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/g54jvflzxa5v&eom>



With the school year upon us...

It is time to start wrapping up your summer with your sponsors. Below are a few resources to aid you in closing out this season and to help you start thinking about next summer

Tips for Sponsor Retention:

A strong relationship between State Agencies and sponsors is essential to ensuring that a summer food program is successful. State Agencies should begin reaching out to sponsors in the Fall to brainstorm how to make Summer 2017 an even bigger success. Share Our Strength has developed an excellent tool that provides tips and suggestions on retaining your sponsors and maintaining a relationship with them throughout the year. For more information, visit: <https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/sites/default/files/resources/No%20Kid%20Hungry%20Strategies%20for%20Sponsor%20Retention.pdf>

Suggestions for Next Year's SFSP:

Be sure to check out FNS' *Ten Tips for Success* for ideas on how to increase participation in the SFSP. Key ideas include organizing State partner meetings, receiving support from your State and local leaders and renewing federal connections with other agencies. You can find additional tips on supporting sponsors and sites here: http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/sfsp/SMT_StateTips.pdf

