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Announcements from the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

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Turnip the Beet! High Quality Summer Meals Award



The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding summer meal program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. FNS recognized 140 summer meal sponsors with Turnip the Beet awards for excellence in program year 2023. Congratulations again Wisconsin 2023 Award Winners: De Pere School Nutrition, La Crosse Area Family YMCA, North Crawford School District, Stevens Point Area Public School District, and Green Bay Area Public Schools!

Showcase those nutritious meals you are providing this summer, by completing the 2024 Nomination Form and supporting documentation found on the [USDA FNS Turnip the Beet](#) website. Submit it to SFSP@dpi.wi.gov by September 13, 2024.

Child Care and Summer Meals

Children that are enrolled in a childcare center that operates the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), may only receive meals through the SFSP, when not in the care of the childcare center. For instance, if a child enrolled in the childcare center is also enrolled in summer school, that child can receive meals through the SFSP while attending summer school. When back in the care of the childcare center, the child may receive meals through the CACFP.

Gear Up for a Great Review

Is your agency on the [schedule](#) to have a SFSP Review yet this summer? If so, please be sure to check out the helpful resource called [Gearing Up for a Great Review](#)! This resource outlines the things that DPI consultants will be looking at on a review. ***Please be sure that all records and documentation requested is assembled by the day of the review***, to help ensure a smooth review process. If you have questions prior to the review, please do reach out to the consultant who will be visiting you ahead of time. Lastly, if something changes after the review has been scheduled that may lead to children not being at the site for meal service, inform DPI ASAP. Part of the review does involve watching a meals service, so it is important that we are aware of any changes so the review can be rescheduled.

SFSP Shout Out!

Lori Shampo and Dawn Novack, Food Service Staff at Crandon School District, not only prepare a healthy meal for the children each day but take it to the next level by creating cooking and art activities that allow them to interact with the children outside of the meal service time. Observing their meal service during a recent DPI SFSP on-site review was a pleasure! The children were happy, hungry, and enthusiastically chatting with Lori and Dawn as they made their healthy choices for lunch. The children were also eagerly involved in cleaning up the cafeteria after their meal! Keep up the great work!



Check out DPI Social Media Posts for more Shout Outs!

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Contact your [assigned SFSP consultant](#) with questions about the items in the bulletin, or other SFSP questions.



Program Abbreviation/Definition Key

SFA=School Food Authority

SSO=Seamless Summer Option

SFSP=Summer Food Service Program

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