



SNAC Bites

June 2019 Edition

Welcome to the June 2019 issue of SNA Communication (SNAC) Bites! SNAC Bites highlights new SNA programs and provides content for your state association publications, chapter meetings, & social media. In some cases, the content will need to be customized for your state association's needs.

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1. Kickstart Your Professional Development with a Saturday Pre-Con

Planning to attend [#ANC19](#)? Get a jump start on your learning with full, half-day or new two-hour-express [pre-conference workshops](#) designed for all career levels—employees, managers and directors. Be sure to consider these three, back by popular demand: “Knife and Cooking Skills Train-the-Trainer Lab with Chef Brenda Thompson-Wattles, RDN”; “Supervisory Skill Development for Managers” and “Money Management for Managers.”

Also consider the special Community Activity: “Helping Heal Childhood Hunger in Missouri,” a one-of-a-kind opportunity to visit the local nonprofit Operation Food Search, learn about their 300 community partners, take part in a community service activity and hands-on school food cooking demo and check out their food trucks! Space for all pre-cons is limited, so don't delay. [Register now!](#)

2. How an SNF Donation Feeds Hungry Children

Keep. It. Simple. That's how SNF's fundraising message always gets straight to the heart of the matter: Donations help to feed hungry children.

But you know that the road to this goal is anything *but* simple! It's a winding road, full of hills and valleys, unforeseen obstacles blocking the way, unexpected detours and uncharted territory. To navigate this road, school nutrition professionals need directions, green lights, route markers and even some roadside assistance. This is our metaphor for explaining how professional development gets everyone closer to the goal! And for many SNA members, the Foundation holds the key to that valued growth.

A wide range of growth opportunities can be yours, from taking a single course on leadership to attending your first School Nutrition Industry Conference (SNIC) to earning such letters as “SNS,” “MBA or even “PhD” after your name. Professional development comes in many forms, but the common denominator is learning that helps you



do your job—feeding hungry children—better. Why donate to the Foundation? It's simple: Giving = Feeding.

And whether a cafeteria manager contributes \$5 at a state conference or an industry partner contributes \$25,000 for a named scholarship, *every single dollar* counts toward that goal.

3. Wait, Wait...There's One More Webinar Wednesday!

The Breakfast Summit hosted by the School Nutrition Foundation, SNA's sister charitable organization, in April was *too good not* to share with all of you. The summit led discussions on how Breakfast in Classroom (BIC) does more than put food in children's stomachs, as it often improves the social-emotional climate of the school, reduces the stigma of underprivileged students receiving free meals (especially when the universal free model of breakfast is implemented), how BIC increases school attendance and prepares students for learning. This webinar will also bring you one of the highlights of the summit, the school nutrition staff from Houston County (Texas) Schools, who will share what they have been able to accomplish with increased participation in Breakfast in the Classroom. Join us June 19, and learn more [here](#).

4. Enter the SNF \$10,000 Golden Ticket Raffle

You could win \$10,000! If you're attending SNA's 73rd Annual National Conference in St. Louis, stop by the Foundation Booth in the Marketplace at and purchase your raffle ticket for \$100 or join friends and buy a ticket together and split the winnings! Two (2) drawings will be held on July 16, 2019 at the Closing General Session. Only 400 tickets are available, and tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Winner does not need to be present to win, but winner *must* possess ticket stub with matching serial number as the winning number. Limit three (3) tickets per person/household.

5. Check Out the Latest Edition of the *Journal of Child Nutrition & Management*

Hot off the presses, the Spring 2019 edition of the [Journal of Child Nutrition & Management](#) is bursting with great research and practical tips for school meals operations. The nine *Journal* articles cover a wide range of topics and are broken down by category—Research in Action, Current Issue, Commentary and a summary of USDA research. You can expect articles on fruit and vegetable consumption, the pros and cons of scheduling recess before lunch and the historical context of free lunch for all.

This twice-yearly publication is a must-read for anyone interested in learning the latest research in this ever-changing field.

6. House Agriculture Budget Increases Funds for School Nutrition Programs

On May 23rd, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and related Agencies [met to markup](#) the [FY2020 Agriculture Appropriations bill](#).

The bill would:

- Provide \$50 million in funding for the Summer EBT Program, an increase of \$22 million



- Allocate \$10 million for School Breakfast Program (SBP) Expansion Grants, the first time this program has been funded since 2012
- Increase funding for NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants from \$30 million to \$35 million
- Provide that only a School Food Authority with a negative balance in their food service account as of December 31, 2019, would be required to establish a price for paid lunches under NSLP's Paid Lunch Equity requirements
- Maintain commodity support for school meals at \$485 million, which in FY2019 allocated \$20 million for school breakfast

With the Subcommittee's markup complete, the bill will head to the full House Appropriations Committee for consideration.

7. New School Meals Bills Introduced to Congress

Five new bills impacting school nutrition programs were introduced in May 2019:

- Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) introduced [S.1307](#), the Tribal Nutrition Improvement Act of 2019, which would allow federally recognized tribes to directly administer federal Child Nutrition Programs, including the National School Lunch Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
- Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI) introduced [H.R. 2651](#), the Improving Training for School Food Service Workers Act, which would clarify requirements for training programs for school foodservice workers.
- Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL) introduced [H.R. 2688](#), the Salad Bars in Schools Expansion Act, which would expand the use of salad bars in schools by establishing a grant program to fund the costs of installing salad bars.
- Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX) introduced [H.R. 2706](#), the Feeding Hungry Students in Schools Act of 2019, which would address food insecurity for students by allowing schools to receive, store, and distribute food donations from charitable organizations on campus.
- Rep. Don Young (R-AK) introduced [H.R. 2818](#), which would fight childhood hunger by expanding access to summer meal programs by reducing regulatory burdens for local organization serving summer meals and expanding the availability of meals and snacks to students outside of normal school hours.

8. OMB Seeks Comment on Inflation Adjusts in Poverty Measurement

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published in May, the Office of Management and Budget announced it is seeking public input on a proposal to change the Consumer Price Index (CPI) used to calculate the Official Poverty Measure. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) use the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) to calculate annual adjustments to poverty thresholds. OMB is seeking comment on the merits of using the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) and the Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index (PCEPI) to calculate annual adjustments. Because C-CPI-U rises at a slower rate than the traditional CPI-U, annual adjustments to program eligibility thresholds would grow more slowly if this change was implemented, causing fewer households to qualify for federal assistance, including through NSLP and other Child Nutrition Programs.