



# Summer Meals Newsletter

## Upcoming USDA/Partner Resources and Webinars:

**August 16, 2018 | 1:00 PM EDT**

[Beyond the School Day - Afterschool Meals 101 Webinar](#)

Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)

**September 6, 2018 | 1:00 PM EDT**

[Summer Meals Matter call- Regional Organizing for Summer Meals Success](#)

Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)

**September 11-13, 2018 | New Orleans, Louisiana**

[Child Nutrition Access & Accountability Through Technology National Training 2018](#)

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)



## TURNIP THE BEET

### Award for Summer 2018!

The [Turnip the Beet Award](#) recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. The award is open to all sponsors operating the Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option.

To learn more about the Turnip the Beet Award and the nomination process, please see the [Turnip the Beet webpage](#), where you can find the Nomination Form, Award Overview, and tons of resources for planning and serving healthy meals: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet>. FNS hosted a [webinar](#) for State agencies on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. A copy of the presentation and a recording of the webinar will be posted for State agencies who were not able to attend the webinar.

If you are interested in participating in the 2018 Turnip the Beet Award, please contact your [Regional office](#) by **Friday, August 31, 2018**.

## Wrapping up Summer 2018!

Congratulations on a successful summer so far! Now is a good time to reach out to sponsors to schedule a time to reflect on summer. Consider administering a survey or hosting a debrief! Reach out to your Regional office for additional support when evaluating your summer practices! Below are some questions to consider in your debrief.

- What worked, what didn't, and what are some ways to improve for next year?
- Would the sponsor be interested in serving summer meals next year?
- What were challenges they face?
- What additional support would like to have?
- What are things they think they did well?



### Afterschool Meals Program

Do you know successful sponsors who have done an excellent job serving nutritious meals? Consider reaching out to those sponsors about serving meals during the year.

Summer meals sponsors and sites can provide meals throughout the year by operating the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Afterschool Meals Program. Likewise, CACFP sponsors and afterschool programs can provide needed access to meals during summer break. Attend the August 16, 2018, [\*Beyond the School Day - Afterschool Meals 101 Webinar\*](#) to learn more!