



# 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](#)

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## 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 in participating states.

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>.

Contact your State agency for more information!

**Summer is not over yet. Sponsors that are still operating in August can consider the tips below.**

- [ ] Work with your site supervisors to adjust meals according to daily attendance records. The number of children attending sites may change as families prepare to return to school.
- [ ] Keep scheduling monitoring visits to sites.
- [ ] Schedule a debrief with your sites to learn how their summer went.
- [ ] Administer a site survey to learn how you can better support sites next year.



## Wrapping up Summer!

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.

[No Kid Hungry. Share our Strength](#) has resources to help you learn how you can provide meals year-round! Join the [FRAC webinar](#) to learn more about serving meals afterschool.