



Summer Meals Newsletter

Upcoming USDA/Partner Events:

[Understanding and Overcoming the Challenge of Obesity and Overweight in the Armed Forces: A Workshop](#)

Monday, May 7, 2018

8:30 AM EST

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

[Boosting Your Budget- Summer Meals Financial Planning](#)

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service

[Summer Meals at Public Housing Facilities](#)

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST

Share our Strength, No Kid Hungry

[Summer Meals Matter call-Community Partnerships](#)

Thursday, June 7, 2018

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

Food Research & Action Center

[Middle of Summer Strategies](#)

Thursday, June 14, 2018

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service



Now Available:

[The Food Assistance Landscape: FY 2017 Annual Report.](#)

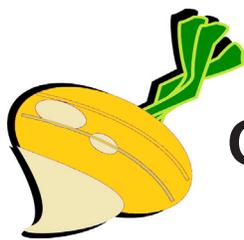
This report uses preliminary data from USDA's Food and Nutrition Service to examine trends in U.S. food and nutrition assistance programs through fiscal year 2017. It also summarizes two recent Economic Research Service (ERS) reports: one on trends in the prevalence and severity of U.S. household food insecurity through 2016 and another on the contribution of SNAP benefits to household food spending.



Announcing the 2017 Turnip the Beet Winners!

USDA recently awarded the second annual Turnip the Beet awards, recognizing outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors for their work offering high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. In 2017, 111 sponsors from across the country earned Bronze, Silver, or Gold level Turnip the Beet awards. All awardees will receive a certificate. Gold and Silver awardees were highlighted in the [USDA blog post](#), and Gold awardees will be identified as Turnip the Beet winners on FNS' Capacity Builder mapping tool (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/capacitybuilder>).

Congratulations to all of the 2017 awardees! We thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of our nation's children and encourage you to keep up the great work.



Gold Winners

Buncombe County Schools (NC)
Camp Garrett (PA)
Canon City Schools (CO)
Colorado Springs School District 11 (CO)
Council Bluffs Community School District (IA)
Douglas County School Nutrition (GA)
Flipany (FL)
Greater Chicago Food Depository (IL)
Hesperia Unified School District (CA)

Kirk of Kildaire (NC)
Morgan County School Nutrition Program (TN)
Petersburg School District (AK)
Project Share of Carlisle (PA)
Saydel Community School District (IA)
Stevens Point Area School District (WI)
Warren County School Nutrition (GA)
YMCA of Western NC (NC)



Silver Winners

Alexander City Schools Child Nutrition Program (AL)
 Anne Arundel County Public Schools (MD)
 Austin ISD (TX)
 Baldwin Country Schools(GA)
 Banks County School Nutrition (GA)
 Branford Public Schools (CT)
 Bridgman Public Schools (MI)
 Brockton Public Schools (MA)
 Brown Deer School District (WI)
 Caldwell County Schools (NC)
 Caroline County Public Schools (MD)
 Carroll County Public Schools (MD)
 Carroll County School Nutrition (GA)
 Carrollton City Schools (GA)
 Carteret County Schools (NC)
 Cherokee County School Nutrition (GA)
 City of Dothan (AL)
 City of Indianapolis Parks and Recreation Department (IN)
 Coffee County Schools (GA)
 Colonial School District (DE)
 Doniphan RI Schools (MO)
 Dougherty County School Nutrition (GA)
 Douglass Community Services (MO)
 Dublin City Schools (GA)
 Feeding the Gulf Coast (AL)
 Fenton Area Public Schools (MI)
 Florence ISD (TX)
 Floyd County (GA)
 Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (MI)
 Food Finders Food Bank (IN)
 Fulton County School Nutrition Program (GA)
 Green Bay Area Public Schools (WI)
 Huron School District (SD)
 Idea Academy (TX)
 IPFW Multicultural Services - Upward Bound (IN)
 Johnston County Public Schools School Nutrition (NC)
 Kent City Schools (MI)
 Lakeside Union School District (CA)
 Maine Migrant Education Program (ME)
 Marietta City Schools (GA)
 Mattawan Consolidated Schools (MI)
 Monroe Family YMCA (MI)
 Montrose Community Schools (MI)
 Moore Street Foundation (NC)
 Muscogee County School Nutrition Program (GA)
 Neighborhood Resource Center (VA)
 Northern Illinois Food Bank (IL)
 Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (MI)
 Owensboro Public Schools (KY)
 Oxford Community Schools (MI)
 Perry Township Schools (IN)
 Pulaski School District (WI)
 Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (OK)
 Rockdale County Schools (GA)
 Seaford School District (DE)
 Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida (FL)
 Smithville ISD (TX)
 SON Ministries, Inc. (IN)
 South Haven Public Schools (MI)
 St. John Community Improvement Corporation (MO)
 United Way California Capital Region (CA)
 UW Hospitals and Clinics (WI)
 Wayne County Board of Education (GA)



Bronze Winners

Bertie County Schools (NC)
 Bridgeton Public Schools (NJ)
 City of Evanston (IL)
 Clark Road Genesis Family Center (IN)
 Dalton City School Nutrition (GA)
 De Pere Middle School (WI)
 District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties (SC)
 Fredericksburg City Public Schools (VA)
 Lexington County School District One (SC)
 LMC Children Services, Inc. (NC)
 Low Country Food Bank (SC)
 Manchester Community Schools (IN)
 Mineral Wells ISD (TX)
 New Hampshire Food Bank (NH)
 New Hanover County Schools (NC)
 Parents and Children Together (HI)
 Pearl Public School District (MS)
 Port Huron Schools (MI)
 Prince William County Public Schools (VA)
 Putnam County School Nutrition (TN)
 Rome City Schools (GA)
 Salvation Army Eagle Creek (IN)
 San Marcos CISD (TX)
 Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (GA)
 The Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties (NJ)
 True Vine Life Center (MS)
 Wake Forest University (NC)
 Waltham Boys & Girls Club (MA)
 Western Wayne Schools (IN)
 Wilson County (NC)
 YMCA of the Triangle (NC)