



SC Department of Education Office of Health and Nutrition

Because Hunger Does not Take a Summer Break!

It's time to begin planning for the summer meal service in your area. The Office of Health and Nutrition will offer two summer meal service programs—the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). Seamless Summer Option is only available to School Food Authorities (SFAs) who currently participate in the National School Lunch Program. Upon approval, any participating SFA can sponsor an outside meal site. All others interested in providing meals in their communities should participate in the Summer Food Service Program. Both programs provided meals for ages 18 years and below.

Training for SFSP is scheduled for April 4-5 for new sponsors, at the State Farmers Market. If interested, contact one of the program coordinators below.

Training for SSO is mandatory for all wishing to participate and is scheduled for May 18, 2017 at the State Farmers Market. Please mark your calendars.

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SUMMER SPOTLIGHT ON FARM TO SUMMER



Summer is a time of rich agricultural abundance and sponsors across the state are benefiting from the season's bounty by including local products and food-related activities in to their summer meals programs. Now is the perfect time to connect with your local agricultural community and begin planning for **Farm to Summer** success! Summer meal sponsors and sites can incorporate Farm to Summer activities into their programs by serving locally sourced items in their meals and snacks or offering educational activities that teach children about local foods and healthy habits. Consider serving meals at eligible farmer's markets and garden now, so you are ready for service at the start of the Summer Meals season.

