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# Collaborating Across Communities to Implement Strong Summer Meal Programs

Tuesday January 23, 2024

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# Agenda

## Welcome & Introductions

- Brianna Guerrero - Manager, State Campaigns, No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

## Collaborations at Every Level to Support Summer Meals

- Stephanie Loup, MPH, RD, LDN - Executive Director of Child Nutrition, Louisiana Department of Education
- Ashley Page-Bookhart, MSW - Program Coordinator, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina
- Marissa Spady MS, RD - Senior Manager, State Campaigns, No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength
- Carolyn Vega, MPH, RD - Associate Director, Policy Analysis, Center for Best Practices, No Kid Hungry campaign, Share Our Strength

## Moderated Q&A



**Stephanie Loup, MPH, RD, LDN -**  
Executive Director of Child Nutrition,  
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# GOVERNOR'S ROUNDTABLE WORKGROUP FOR NON-CONGREGATE SUMMER FEEDING

What: Discuss implementation of NC summer feeding throughout the state

When: Started meeting in February 2023

Frequency: ~Monthly

Who: (Next Slide)



# STAKEHOLDERS

| Stakeholders  | Contributions  |
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| Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff over Programs and Planning | Coordinated Meeting  |
| State Agency  | Provided context to new NC rules/guidance                                  |
| Private Non-Profit SFSP Sponsors                            | Represent the Community Feeding Models                                     |
| No Kid Hungry   | Coordinate appropriate stakeholders  |
| Feeding Louisiana (food banks)                              | Experienced Sponsors   |
| Louisiana Department of Health                              | Needed to navigate the complexities of health requirements with NC feeding |
| School Nutrition Association of Louisiana                   | Represent the SFA sponsors   |
| Senior Feeding Coordinator                                  | Experience with meal delivery  |

# OUTCOMES

- Shared communication across all stakeholder groups
  - SA Guidance
  - LDH Guidance and coordination
- 2023 Outcomes
  - PNPs participating in NC Feeding: 4 Sponsors/16 Sites
    - Meals (B&L): 37,348
  - Governmentals & Tribal participating in NC Feeding: 0
    - Meals: 0
  - SFAs participating in NC Feeding: 4 Sponsors/40 Sites
    - Meals (B&L): 1,325,736
- Total NC Meals: 1,363,084

# FUTURE PLANS

- Continue to gather stakeholders;
- Initiate a new timeline for submitting summer feeding plans;
- Earlier SFSP Trainings;
- Earlier submission of Rural Pocket requests;
- Continued work with LDH to streamline requirements for NC feeding.





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Program Coordinator, Arnold School  
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# Local Food Policy Councils



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Greenville Food Security Coalition

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Lakelands Food and Hunger Alliance (Greenwood)



United Way of the Lakelands



WEST COLUMBIA-CAYCE  
FOOD POLICY COALITION

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Mullins Food Policy Council (Marion)

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Oconee Food Council

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Tri-County Food Policy Council (Bamberg, Calhoun,  
Orangeburg)

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West Columbia Cayce Food Policy Coalition (Lexington)



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YORK COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

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York County Food Policy Council

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# Summer Meals 2023 Impact

- Hosted county-wide planning meetings in all LFPC counties
- Marion County LFPC served as a first time non-congregate meal site
- Provided free food boxes to selected meal sites in Greenville and Marion County through the states local food purchase assistance program
- 5 new first time library meal sites (2 served non-congregate meals)
- Strengthened relationship with external partners including Department of Education, SC Thrive, State Library



# Thinking Differently for Summer 2024

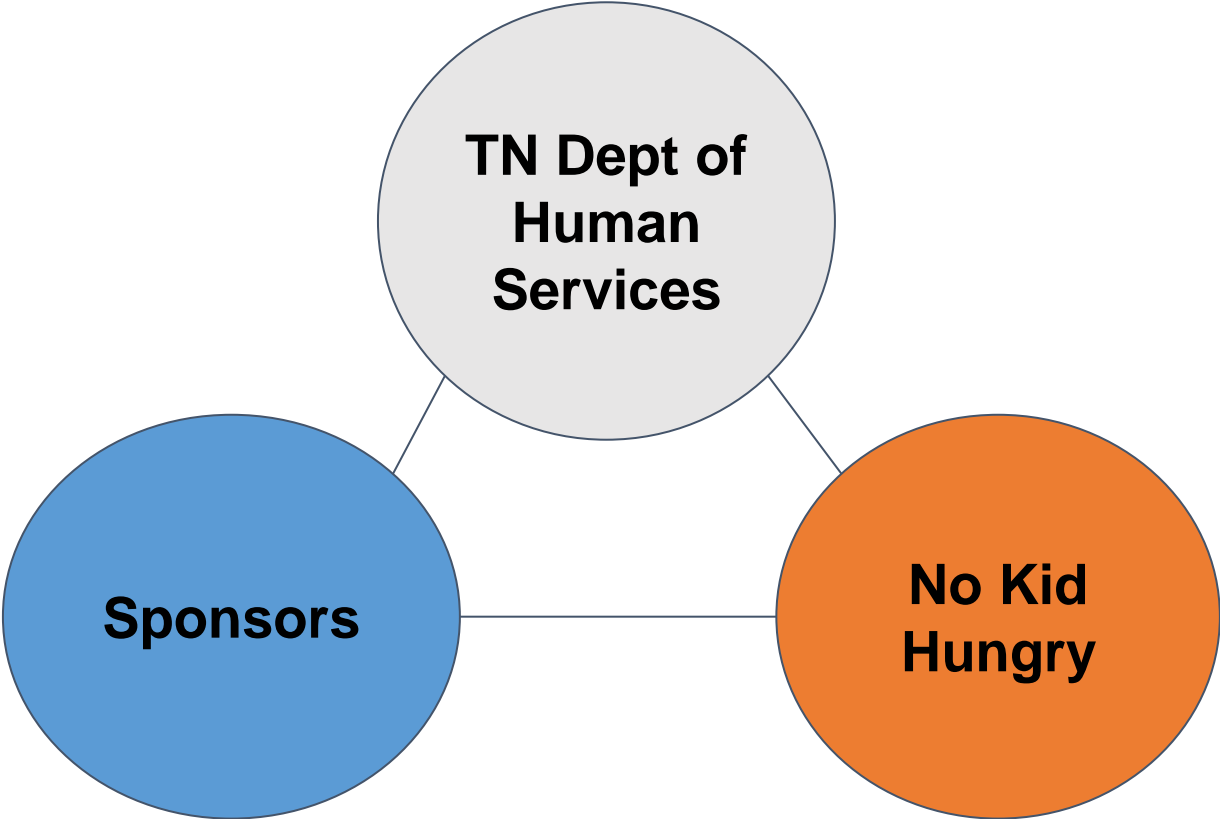
- Creating a summer meals learning collaborative with local food policy council and 4 SCORH health coalitions
- SC Plants the Seed Library Model
- Work with Tribal Organizations and Hispanic serving organizations to cultivate additional sites and sponsors
- Coordinate site visits for elected officials
- Begin to plan for Summer-EBT 2025 implementation



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# Tennessee Child Nutrition Sponsor Gathering

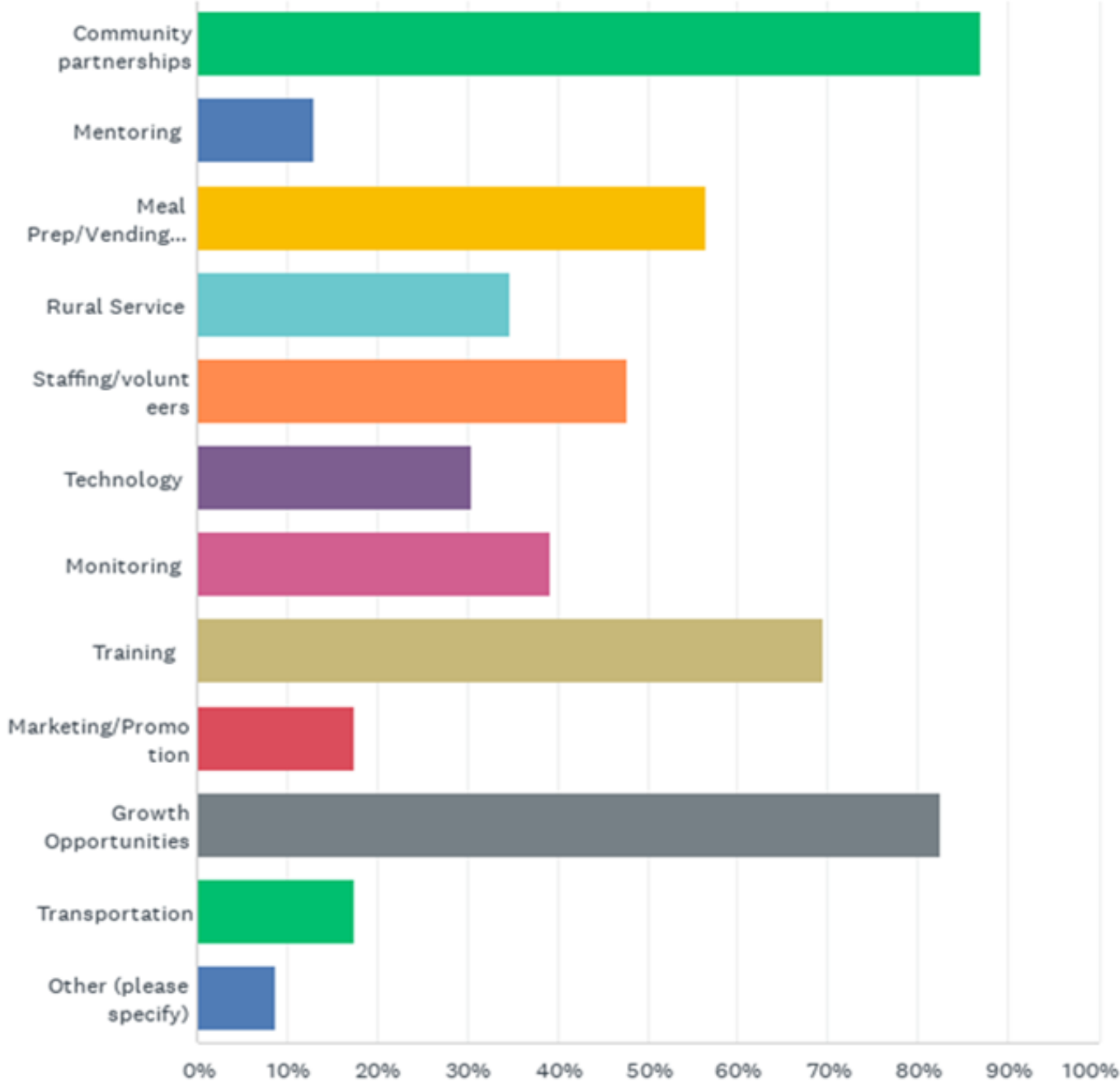


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# Tennessee Child Nutrition Sponsor Gathering

Sponsor Survey Results: Top 5 areas of interest for attending the gathering



# Tennessee Child Nutrition Sponsor Gathering

Gather: 3rd Wednesday of each Month  
for 1 hour

Open with Introductions and Question  
of the Month

Updates & Q&A with DHS Staff

Guest Speaker or Discussion Topic

Webinars and Resources from NKH



*Kathlyn Walter, Child Nutrition Director with staff supported by NKH Grant for Rural Non-Congregate Meals*



# Tennessee Child Nutrition Sponsor Gathering

## Positive Outcomes:

- Relationship Building
- Open Communication
- Idea & Resource Sharing
- Opportunities to Visit summer sites
- DHS had an open forum available pre-scheduled to share with sponsors
- Advocating as a collective voice
- Awareness of Grants and Resources



*October 2023: Summer Debrief  
with Gathering partners and DHS Director*

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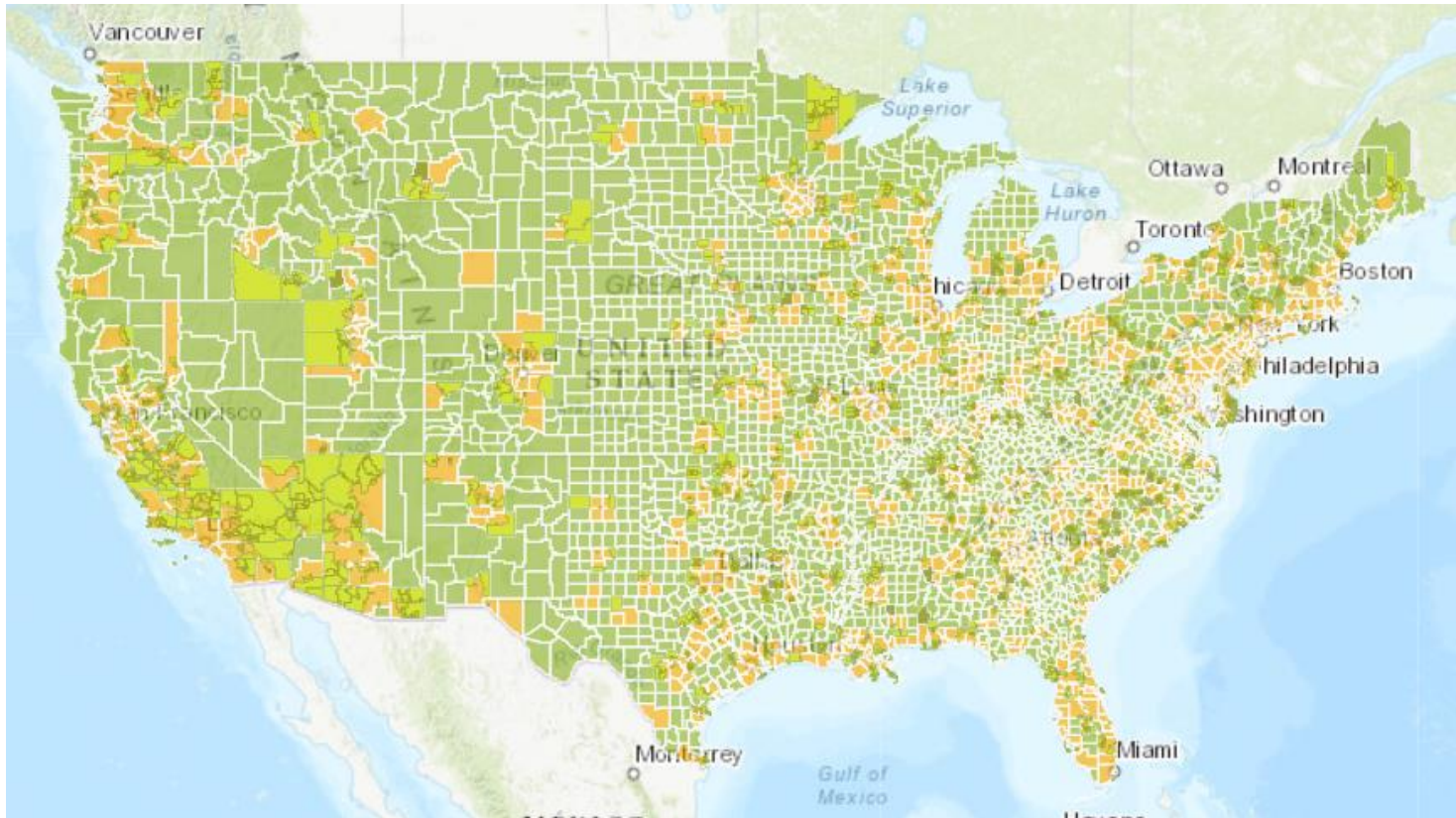




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# No Kid Hungry Summer Meals Eligibility Map



<https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/Summer-Meals-Eligibility-Map>

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# Summer Resources

## Operational Support

- [Staffing Up: Strategies For Working Through Labor Shortage Challenges](#)
- [Tips For Staffing Summer Meals Programs](#)
- [Feeding A Crowd - Tips For Congregate Meal Service](#)
- [Summer Meals in Libraries](#)

## Non-Congregate Implementation Support

- [Successful Non-Congregate Meal Service Models For Rural Areas: Implementation Guide](#)
- [Grab & Go Success Stories - Lowcountry Food Bank, South Carolina](#)
- [Grab & Go Success Stories - Missoula Food Bank & Community Center, Montana](#)
- [Feeding Burke County: A Behind the Scenes Look at Burke County School District's Non-Congregate Summer Food Service Program](#)



### Successful Non-Congregate Meal Service Models for Rural Areas: Implementation Guide

In approved states beginning summer 2023, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors can operate non-congregate programs in rural communities without access to a congregate meal site. Find more information in [USDA's Implementation Guidance for Summer 2023 Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas](#).

This resource outlines effective models for non-congregate meal service. Use this guide to find strategies and tactics to execute a successful non-congregate summer meals program in your rural community.

*Please reach out to your state agency to confirm the availability of non-congregate meal service and allowable models. Note: States are not required to make the non-congregate option available this summer. State agencies had to submit a plan to USDA for approval by April 1, 2023 to allow non-congregate meal service in summer 2023.*

#### Sections of this Implementation Guide

- [Definitions](#)
- [Considerations for Non-Congregate Meal Service](#)
- [Meal Distribution Models](#)
  - [Drive Thru or Curbside Pick-Up](#)
  - [Walk-Up Distribution](#)
  - [Mobile Pantry Distribution](#)
- [Operational Services](#)





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