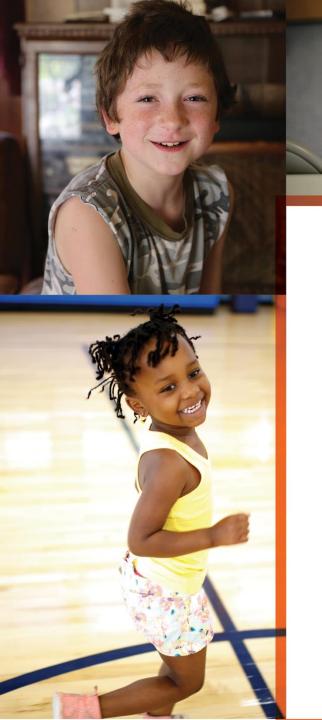
## Improving Meal Quality in the Summer, One Change at a Time

Tuesday, April 18 2:00-3:00 PM Eastern



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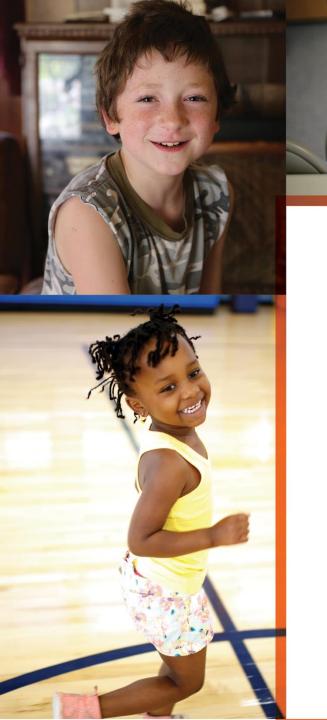




Thanks to Our Sponsor:









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## 1. SUMMER MEALS PLANNING TIMELINE

April:
Sponsor
Applications
Submitted for
Approval

May:
Site Locations
Finalized
Program
Outreach

June:
Programming
Underway
Consider
Transition to
Afterschool Meals

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### 1. UPDATE: NEW SUMMER MEALS OUTREACH MATERIALS

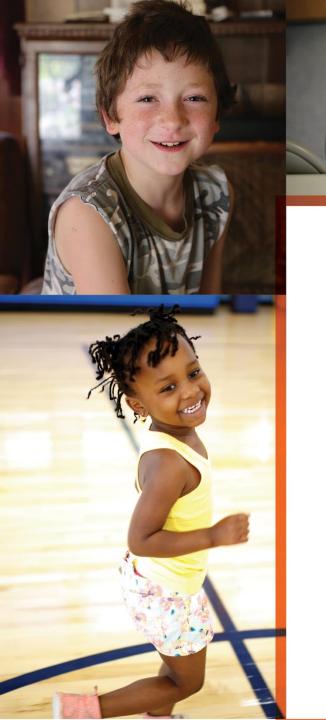








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## 2. MEAL QUALITY: STORIES FROM THE FIELD

## Meal Quality:

- Definition
- Importance
- Benefits

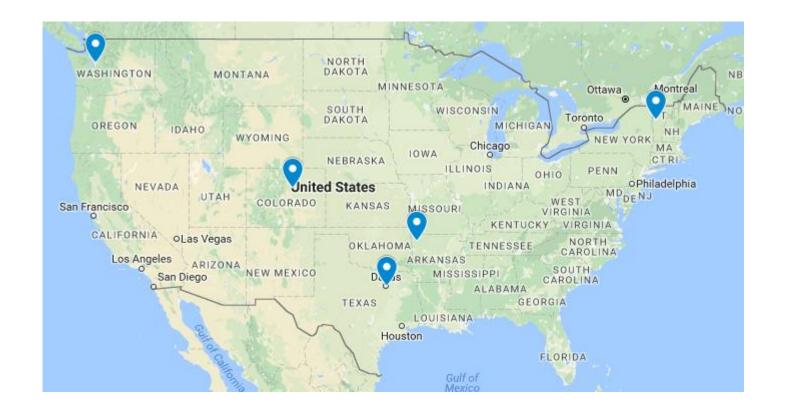


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### WELCOME TO OUR SPEAKERS

- Seattle, WA
- Denver, CO
- Dallas, TX
- Fayetteville, AR
- Bristol, VT



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# Dallas Independent School District

Food and Child Nutrition Services

Providing Nutrition to Students that Fuels Successful Learning



Michael Rosenberger

Executive Director, Food & Child Nutrition Services





## Statistics- Summer Food Program

- The Dallas Independent School District's Food and Child Nutrition Services (FCNS) Department has served as a sponsor for the Summer Food Program for the past 22 years.
- Last year FCNS served at 227 sites, of which, 25 sites were external customers.
- In 2016, the Summer Food Program served 21,000 meals on average each operating day, creating a total of 422,891 summer meals served.
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO)- Seamless transition from the school year to summer
  - 100 or more participants- Hot meals
  - 60-100 participants- Cold meals prepared onsite
  - 59 and below- Pre-packed cold meals prepared in central kitchen





## **Excellence in Summer Meals**

The Dallas ISD department of Food and Child Nutrition Services received recognition for the 2016 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) by earning a Silver level of excellence.

The Excellence in Summer Meals is awarded by the Dallas office of the Texas Hunger Initiative, the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), and the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.

Summer Food Service Providers are evaluated on best practices in:

- Programming and Operations
- Food Quality
- Marketing and Outreach











# **Celebrating Our Success**









## Striving for Excellence with Every Meal Served

FCNS strives to serve high quality meals that are both appealing and nutritious.

The Summer Food Service Program Best Practices followed by FCNS:

- Training- All feeding sites
- Site Audits
- Supplies for Food Safety
- Fast Deliveries
- Sanitary Environment for Food Production







## Healthy Summer Meals



The summer meal menu promotes our nutrition Initiatives through:

- Local Texas Produce
- Menu Variety
- Cultural Offerings
- Student favorites
  - All-Star Menu Items





## Break Meal Program

When School is Out, Hunger doesn't take a Break

The Break Meal Program began in the spring of 2016 as a pilot at 5 Dallas ISD schools in the southern sector.

\*Meals are now provided during all school breaks\*

#### **The Break Meal Program Provides:**

- Free meals
- Available to anyone under 18
- Provided throughout the district
- Educational/Enrichment Activities



Students enjoying a hearty lunch during the 2016 Spring Break Meal Pilot Program





## Questions?

For More Information, Please Contact:

## **Food & Child Nutrition Services**

1515 Al Lipscomb Way

Dallas, TX

214-932-5500

http://www.dallasisd.org/FCNS











# QUALITY MEALS IN SFSP

Feeding Kids Well On the GO



Addison Northeast Food Service Cooperative Kathy Alexander, Director Bristol, Vermont



- ▶ 11 Sites
- ▶ 6 rural towns
- Central Kitchen
- ▶ 4-5 part-time staff
- > 7:00 a.m. 11:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- > 3 farms (school year 13)
- > 350 400 meals/day
- > 7 weeks







Taco Salad, corn salad, corn chips local blueberries, goldfish (not shown)



Chicken Salad Wrap, Potato salad, local Peas, watermelon cubes

## THE OPPORTUNITIES

Meals on the Go that are:

- Nutritious
- Appealing
- Colorful
- Tasty
- Safe
- Varied
- Local

<u>Fajita</u> Chicken Salad with green beans, tortellini salad, local strawberries





<u>Ham and Cheese</u> Wrap, Veggies with cream cheese, oranges and local strawberry.

# WORKING LOCAL PRODUCT INTO THE MEAL VARIETY/COMBINATIONS



Prepping Local Strawberries for the Freezer

> Cold Chicken Tenders w/ BBQ sauce, Banana Muffin, Kiwi and Strawberry, Baby Carrots

KID FRIENDLY MEALS
COLD SUMMER MEALS
CREATIVE MEALS

<u>Turkey and Cheese</u> on WW Bun, Spinach salad with Strawberries,

Kiwi



4 week cycle menu



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# IMPROVING MEAL QUALITY IN THE SUMMER: ONE CHANGE AT A TIME

## YMCA OF GREATER SEATTLE

Michael Simonelli Program Director of Hunger Initiatives

# HERE'S HOW WE IMPROVE MEAL QUALITY AT THE YMCA OF GREATER SEATTLE:

- HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) Standards
- Working with Vendor
- Licensing and Public Health
- Farmer's Market / Farm to Table

## **HEPA STANDARDS**

- Beverage
- Food
- Family Engagement
- Infant Feeding
- Physical Activity
- Screen Time



## **HEPA STANDARDS:**

## Beverages

Water and unflavored low-fat/nonfat milk. Water available at all times.

### Food

- Allowing children to serve themselves (family style)
- Provide fruits and vegetables at every meal and snack.
- Do not provide any fried foods.
- Do not provide any foods that contain trans fats
- Offer only whole grains
- Provide foods that don't list sugar as one of the first 3 ingredients or contain more than 8 grams of added sugar per serving
- Staff modeling healthy eating behaviors at all times.

## **WORKING WITH VENDOR**

- Brought in HEPA standards
- Solidify non-negotiables
- Let them find the wiggle room
- Formal policy in place



## LICENSING:

Finding unitized or pre packaged food for our sites with no kitchens

- Takes pressure off of site in creating a balance between licensing and public health
- Bring in our HEPA standards
- Frees up time for program planning
- Easier administratively

## FARMER'S MARKET / FARM TO TABLE:

#### Farmer's Market

- Fresh produce at the right price
- Buy bulk at the market
- Ask for donations at the end of the day
  - Provide to parents of your site
  - Distribute to families of the community

## **Farm to Table**

- Purchasing at Farmer's Market led to relationship for Farm to Table
- Sites can be creative and eat fresh produce that's in season
- Teaches children where food is coming from and build direct relationship with farmers



# THANK YOU!

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# **Smart Food Planner**



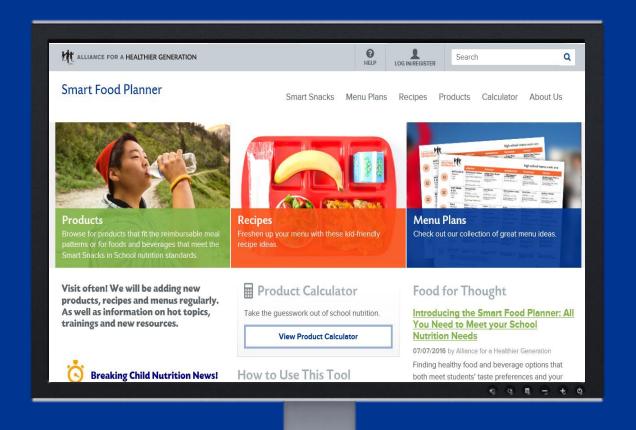
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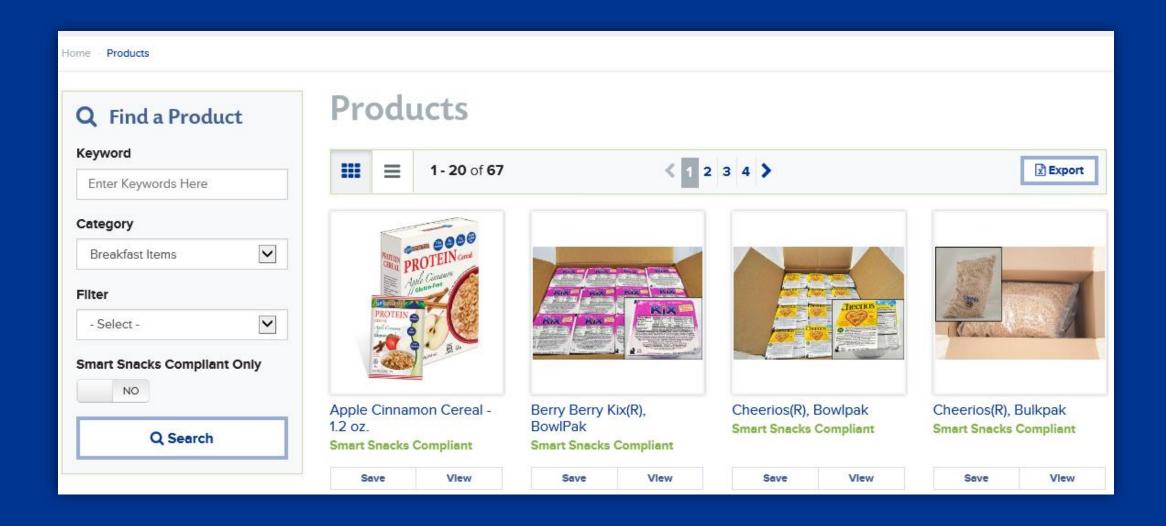
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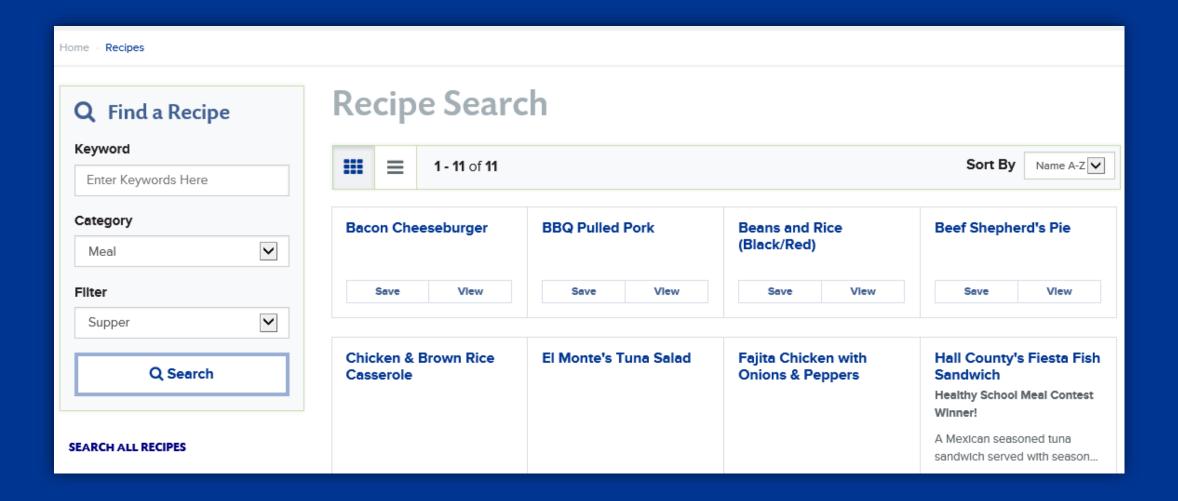
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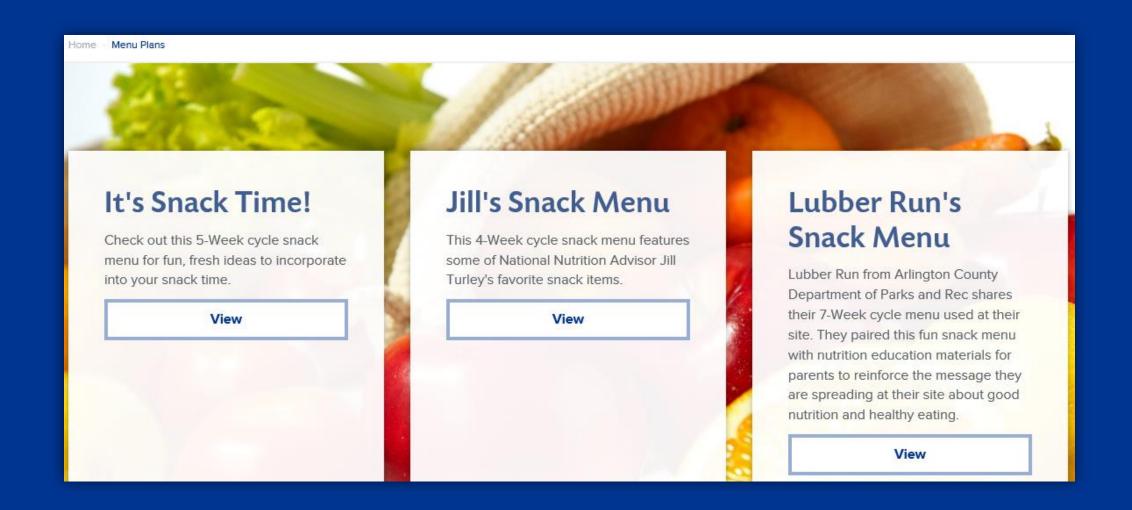
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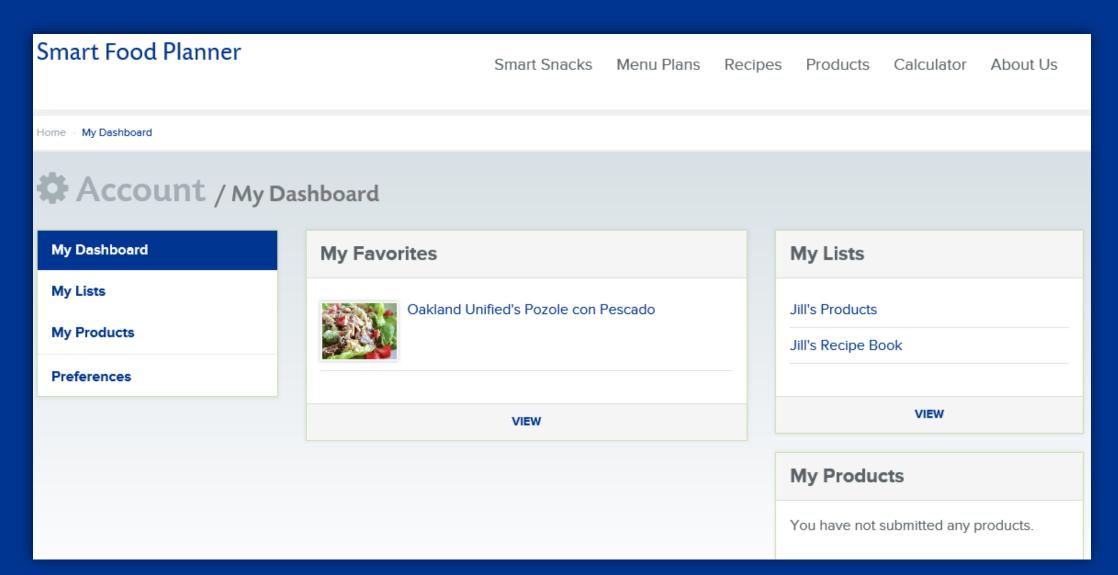
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# Menus



# Create an Account



# **CHECK IT OUT!**







## Cooking Matters for Summer Meals

Megan Bradley, RDN
Senior Program Manager
Share Our Strength Colorado







#### HOW COOKING MATTERS WORKS

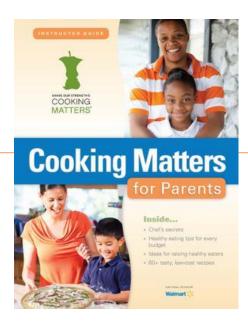


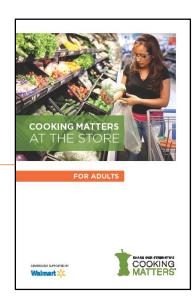


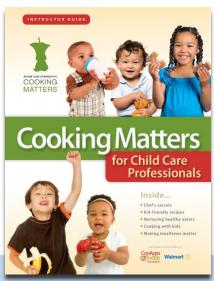


#### COOKING MATTERS: WHAT WE DO

- Hands-On Cooking Courses
- Interactive Cooking Matters at the Store Tours
- Childcare Professionals Trainings
- Educational Tools



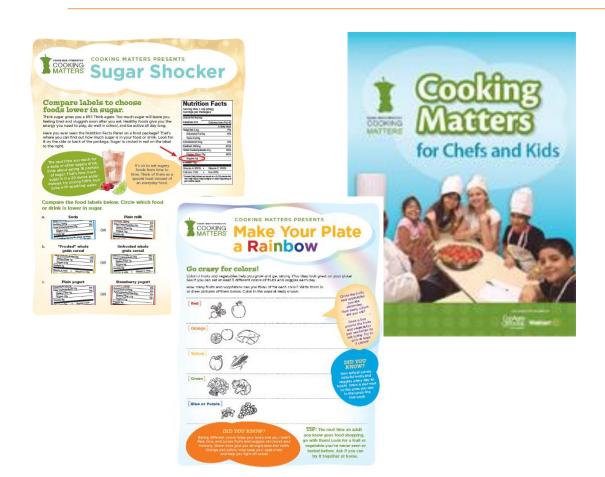








#### COOKING MATTERS FOR SUMMER MEALS



- The SFSP meal pattern enables sponsors to serve meals that are appealing and are consistent with the <u>Dietary Guidelines</u>.
- Cooking Matters is also based on the Dietary Guidelines so our recipes and activities can align with Summer Meals!
- Free resources including handouts and toolkits





#### COOKING MATTERS FOR SUMMER MEALS

### **Connect with Cooking Matters:**

- Use our free resources to reinforce the importance of nutrition and foods skills education
- Connect with <u>local partners</u> offering Cooking Matters in your area
- Lead your own through Cooking Matters Grant Opportunities!
  - RFP and webinar information

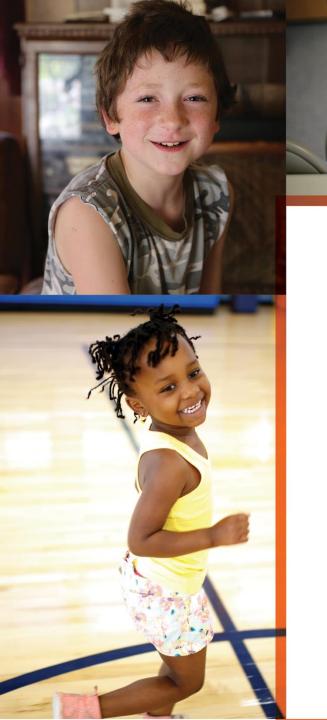
### Megan Bradley, RDN

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Wondering how to use these resources or what to know more? Feel free to email me: <a href="mailto:mbradley@strength.org">mbradley@strength.org</a>









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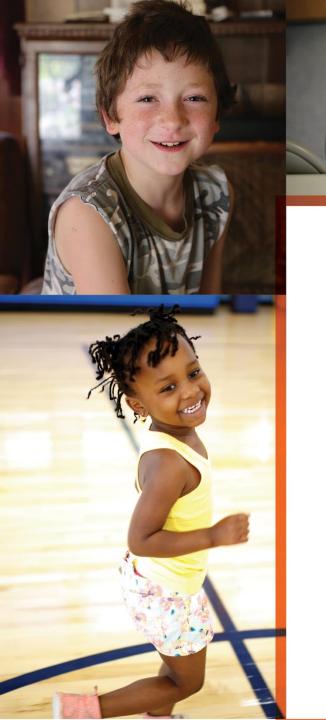
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- Write questions in chat box
- Panelists are available to field your questions







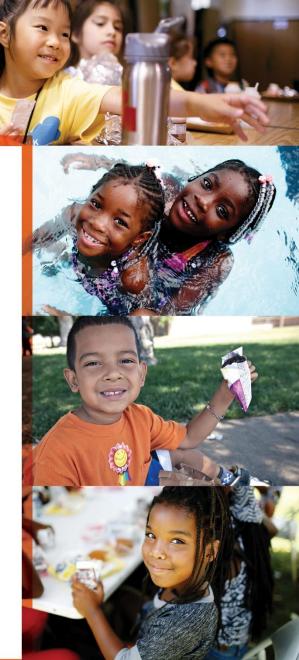
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#### 4. WRAP-UP

- Importance of Meal Quality
- Examples of High-Quality Meal Programs
- Online Meal Quality Resources







## Thank you and please join us next month! Save the Date: Tuesday, May 9 at 2:00 PM Eastern

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