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2015 NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference

REGISTRATION officially opened yesterday for our **2015 NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference** on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at UNC in Chapel Hill.

We encourage you to consider attending. The conference will be held at a larger venue this year and we want to cast as wide a net as possible to include people in the movement to end child hunger in our state. There is a small fee this year (\$20) that goes toward the cost of lunch and parking.

For more information and to register visit: <http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b1c80c84bc69a93d02637641b&id=81d77a5e7e&e=ec4236a317> or visit the No Kid Hungry website at: <http://NC.NoKidHungry.org>.

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*****Time Sensitive** Civil Rights Make-Up Webinar***

"USDA requires all School Food Authorities (SFAs) to receive Civil Rights instruction annually. This professional development is mandatory for anyone working in the Federal reimbursement meals program (NSLP, SBP, ASSP, SMP, etc.) and must be completed no later than December of each year.

NCDPI-School Nutrition Services provided Civil Rights information to SFA Administrators this year during the September Policy Updates. For those SFA Administrators who were unable to attend this session, a make-up Civil Rights training session will be held via webinar on Monday, December 15, 2014 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.). This webinar is **mandatory for any Administrator who has not already participated in a required Civil Rights session during 2014.**

Please register for the Civil Rights webinar at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/343732736>.

Continuing Education Webinar Opportunity

[New Smarter Lunchrooms Scorecard for Assessing Lunchroom Successes](#)

Wednesday, December 10th, 2014 at 2:00 pm EST

The Smarter Lunchroom Scorecard assessment is included as one of the new Golden Key Achievement award activities. School Nutrition Administrators are encouraged to share this webinar opportunity with managers and school employees who are working towards the Award.

The [Smarter Lunchrooms Movement](#) has created a quick and easy tool to help you become a lunchroom hero! The Smarter Lunchrooms Self-Assessment Scorecard takes about 10 minutes to complete and helps point you in the direction of change while highlighting all of the great work you're already doing! On this webinar [Kate Hoy, MFN, RD, CDN](#), manager of the Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs, the sponsor of the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement, will introduce the [Scorecard](#), review how to use it, and answer some FAQs.

To attend follow this link: <https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/healthyschools>

(FireFox and Internet Explorer work best). Enter as a guest and you will be connected to the webinar. You can listen to the presentation through your computer speakers. If you have never used Adobe Connect before, it is recommended that you test your ability to log in prior to the webinar by following this

link: www.extension.iastate.edu/testconnect

Smart Options: Teach the Leader Workshop

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Services Section will offer the *Smart Options: Teach the Leader* workshop on **January 27, 2015** at the [Deep River Event Center, 606 Millwood School Rd, Greensboro, NC 27409](#). Sign-in will begin at 8:30 AM and the class will be conducted from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please feel free to bring snacks as lunch will not be provided for this workshop.

The workshop is a continuing education course tailored for school nutrition professionals in North Carolina that covers nutrition and physical activity guidelines, school nutrition regulations, methods for serving quality school meals, strategies for linking the cafeteria to the classroom with nutrition education, ways to market school meals, and school wellness. Smart Options was developed with assistance and review from an advisory committee of school nutrition administrators from across North Carolina and features local school success stories.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 6, 2015. Please click the link below to register:

<https://onece.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearch.do?method=searchPAOnly&programAreald=54369&showInternal=true>

Your registration will be confirmed by email from Iyana Porter at North Carolina State University McKimmon Center. If you have questions after you have submitted your registration, please contact Iyana at importer@ncsu.edu.

If you have general questions about the workshop, please contact Susan Thompson at susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov or 919-218-4090.

Please share this information with School Nutrition supervisors or others in your School Food Authority who may wish to participate and be eligible to teach the Smart Options workshop. We look forward to seeing you in Greensboro for this important professional development opportunity!

USDA Policy Memos

SP 09-2015 – Written Codes of Conduct and performance of Employees Engaged in Award and Administering of Contracts

SP 10-2015 – Area Eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs

SP 11-2015 – CN Labels Copied with a Watermark

Q&A – Determining Indirect Costs

QUESTION	ANSWER
<p><i>Which school year’s data are used to determine if indirect cost may be assessed to the School Nutrition Program?</i></p>	<p>North Carolina General Statute 115C-450(b) states:</p> <p><i>“No local school administrative unit shall assess indirect costs to a child nutrition program unless the program has a minimum of one month’s operating balance. An average month’s operating balance shall be calculated and published by the Department of Public Instruction for each child nutrition program and shall be equal to the average of the three prior fiscal years’ monthly operating balances.”</i></p> <p>To be charged indirect costs in the 2014-15 school year, the previous years used would be: 2012-13 school year, 2011-12 school year and 2010-11 school year. You would not calculate the 2013-14 school year as part of the indirect costs since the FC 1A report is not completed until October 1, 2014.</p> <p>The following are examples of how to calculate the indirect costs. To begin refer to the Annual summary report (FC1-A) to obtain the month’s operating balance for the SFA for each of the years listed above.</p> <p>EXAMPLE A: SFA <u>cannot</u> be charged Indirect Costs in the 2014-15 school year:</p> <p>2012-13: 1.10 month’s operating balance 2011-12: 0.79 month’s operating balance 2010-11: 0.94 month’s operating balance</p> <p>The total of the three years add up to 2.83, we now divide this by 3 which equals .943. Since the SFA does not have one month’s operating balance, indirect costs <u>cannot</u> be charged in the 2014-15 school year.</p> <p>EXAMPLE B: SFA <u>can</u> be charged Indirect Costs in the 2014-15 school year:</p> <p>2012-13: 1.26 month’s operating balance 2011-12: 1.58 month’s operating balance 2010-11: 1.14 month’s operating balance</p> <p>The total of the three years add up to 3.98, dividing by 3 which equals 1.3267. Since the SFA has more than one month’s operating balance, indirect costs <u>can</u> be charged in the 2014-15 school year.</p> <p>If you have any additional questions concerning your indirect costs, please contact your Regional School Nutrition Consultant for assistance.</p>

References:

North Carolina General Statute 115C-450(b)

http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-450.html

Important Dates

December 10 (Wednesday) Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for November 2014)
December 15 Deadline to Complete Civil Rights Checklist and File at SFA
December 15 (Monday) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for November 2014)
December 15 Nutrient Analysis for October Menus Due (Exception: SFAs with AR prior to Dec 31st)
December 24, 25 & 26 Christmas Holidays (State offices closed)

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January 1, 2015 New Year's Day (State offices closed)
January 10 (Saturday) Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for December 2014)
January 15 (Thursday) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for December 2014)
January 19 Martin Luther King Birthday (State offices closed)
January 20 Deadline for completing the Verification Report in the SN Technology System

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