# Updates and Reminders

Fall Conference 2019

# Verification

## **Verification Complete**

Verification must be complete by November 15

- Letters of Adverse Action sent.
- Non-respondents must reapply.

## **New Food Safety Requirement**

- A Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) is required to be present during all hours of operation beginning January 2020.
- This new provision applies to all food permitted Category 3 and 4 establishments.

## Alabama Act 2019-526

# Overview

Provides that:

- A local school system may allow its schools to donate surplus food to a charitable organization.
- A local board may adopt a policy under which donated food may be provided to certain students at no costs.
- School systems have the option of donating food to a charitable organization, but are not required to do so.

Became effective September 1, 2019.



Photo Credit- http://altoday.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Alabama-State-Capitol.jpg

#### Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) were already able to donate surplus, non-expired food to a charitable organization according to the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

Memo SP 11-2012, Guidance on the Food Donation Program in Child Nutrition Programs

These recommendations are not fully inclusive of all related issues that may be encountered in a LEA.

Be certain that:

- overt identification of free and reduced students does not occur.
- Food donation recipients qualify as a charitable organization as defined in the Act.

Be certain that:

- Intentional overproduction of food for the purpose of donation does not occur.
- Food donations do not violate any current policies, laws, or regulations including but not limited to Smart Snacks in School and Fundraising Activities Policy.

#### Establish:

- a process for documenting food donations to include food safety records.
- a process to ensure separation of CNP food and donated food especially if the donated food is stored at the school.

## **Overt Identification**

Any action that may result in a child being recognized as potentially eligible to receive or certified for free or reduced price school meals. SFAs must assure that a child's eligibility status is not disclosed at any point in the process of provided free or reduced price meals, including notification of the availability of free or reduced price benefits; certification and notification of eligibility provision of meals in the cafeteria; and the point of service. (SP 45-2012)

# **Charitable Organization**

The term "eligible local food banks or charitable organizations" means any food bank or charitable organization which is exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)).

**Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** 

## COMING SOON TO ALABAMA



## What is S.T.A.R. for Managers?

- ▷ New and exciting training
- ▷ Peer-to-peer mentoring program
- Designed specifically for managers/site-level supervisors

## Program Requirements

- ▷ 12-month commitment for managers
- ▷ Director's approval required
- ▷ 2 pre-requisite online courses
- ▷ 2.5 day workshop at ICN in Oxford, MS
- ▷ 2 post-requisite online courses
- ▷ 4 Virtual Instructor-Led Trainings
- ▷ 3 mentor check-ins
- $\triangleright$  3 action plans
- ▷ 4 front line staff trainings

### Timeline

Today – Directors will receive the promotional packet for this training to use in talking with their managers and deciding who to offer this opportunity to in their districts.

January 6 – 31 – Registration will be open

**NOTE**: All registration takes place directly with ICN, NOT THE STATE OFFICE

## Timeline – con't

February 21- Participants will be notified if they are selected

April 7 – 9 - Training takes place in Oxford, MS at ICN

Thank you! Any questions?

#### Sources

- Presentation template by <u>SlidesCarnival</u>
- HB566- <u>https://trackbill.com/bill/alabama-house-bill-566-</u> <u>schools-public-k-12-nutrition-allowing-schools-to-donate-</u> <u>surplus-non-expired-food-to-charitable-organizations-purpose-</u> <u>of-redistributing-food-to-needy-students/1746047/</u></u>
- Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act-
- ▷ USDA Memo Code SP 11-2012, CACFP 05-2012, SFSP 07-2012-

#### **United States Department of Agriculture Nondiscrimination Statement**

#### SNAP and FDPIR State or local agencies, and their subrecipients, must post the following Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: <u>http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html</u>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.