



Summer Meals Newsletter

Upcoming USDA/Partner Events and Webinars:

September 6, 2018 | 1:00 PM EDT

[Summer Meals Matter Call - Regional Organizing for Summer Meals Success](#)

Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)

September 11-13, 2018 | New Orleans, Louisiana

[Child Nutrition Access & Accountability Through Technology National Training 2018](#)

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

September 18, 2018 | 3:00 PM EDT

[Innovations in Leadership: Collective Impact through Network and Systems Leadership](#)

National Good Food Network

September 25, 2018 | 2:00 PM EDT

[No Kid Hungry Summer Meals Texting Dashboard](#)

Share our Strength, No Kid Hungry

Recently Release Reports:

The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) recently released their "How Hungry is America?" report.

The report looks at food hardship in the United States and contains data for every state and the District of Columbia, and 108 metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) for 2016–2017. The data were gathered as part of the Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index project. This report may help you see trends in your communities. The [interactive tool](#) can provide you with additional data to support your ongoing hunger alleviation efforts.

Click [here](#) to read the report.



Summer Resources:

No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices developed a toolkit to help State agencies, nonprofit organizations, program sponsors, and other community partners create and implement a collaborative plan to enhance their summer meals programs.

Sponsors may find the *Wrap Up and Renew Commitment* section particularly useful as they close out summer activities.

Click [here](#) to review the resources.



TURNIP THE BEET

Award for Summer 2018!

The [Turnip the Beet Award](#) recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. The award is open to all sponsors operating the Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option in participating states.

To learn more about the Turnip the Beet Award and the nomination process, please see the [Turnip the Beet webpage](#), where you can find the Nomination Form, Award Overview, and resources for planning and serving healthy meals: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet>.

Contact your State agency for more information!

