

2017 Summer Food Service Program Newsletter

February 2017

SFSP Sponsor Training Dates

Federal regulations require all SFSP sponsors to attend program training prior to being approved to operate. New staff members of established SFSP are encouraged to attend new sponsor training.

| New SFSP Sponsor Trainings | | |
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| District | Dates | Times |
| Independence Northwest District Office 3717 S. Whitney Ave. Independence, MO 64055 | March 22 April 12 May 17 | 9:00-2:00 |
| Jefferson City Dept. of Health & Sr. Services 930 Wildwood Jefferson City, MO 65109 | March 2 March 8 April 13 May 23 | 9:00-1:00 |
| Springfield The Meyer Center-Ozark Room 3545 S. National Springfield, MO 65807 | March 24 | 10:00-1:00 |
| Southwest District Health Office 149 Park Central Square Suite 116 Springfield, MO 65807 | April 18 | 10:00-1:00 |
| St. Louis Eastern Health Office 220 S. Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, MO 63103 | March 16 March 30 April 5 April 26 May 18 | 9:30-1:00 |
| Cape Girardeau District Health Office Room 4 471 Siemers Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 | March 10 March 31 April 19 May 9 | 10:00-1:30 |

| Returning SFSP Sponsor Trainings | | |
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| District | Dates | Times |
| Independence Northwest District Office 3717 S. Whitney Ave. Independence, MO 64055 | March 7 March 21 April 11 April 11 | 8:30-11:30 8:30-11:30 8:30-11:30 12:00-3:00 |
| Jefferson City Dept. of Health & Sr. Services 930 Wildwood Jefferson City, MO 65109 | February 28 March 9 April 14 May 24 | 9:00-1:00 |
| Springfield The Meyer Center -Ozark Room 3545 S. National Springfield, MO 65807 | March 1 April 7 April 7 April 21 | 10:00-12:00 10:00-12:00 1:00-3:00 10:00-12:00 |
| Webb City Library 101 Liberty St. Webb City, MO 64870 | March 2 | 10:00-12:00 |
| Branson Public Schools District Office 1756 Bee Creek Road Branson, MO 65616 Park in back of building | March 9 | 10:00-12:00 |
| Mercy Hospital –Cassville 94 Main St. Cassville, MO 65625 | March 28 | 10:00-12:00 |
| Mountain View SBU Mountain View Campus 209 W. First St. Mountain View, MO 65548 | March 8 | 10:00-12:00 |
| St. Louis Eastern Health Office 220 S. Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, MO 63103 | March 9 March 29 April 13 April 20 | 9:30-1:00 |
| Cape Girardeau District Health Office Room 4 471 Siemers Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 | March 7 March 30 April 20 May 10 | 10:00-12:30 |
| Macon University of Missouri Extension 404 N. Missouri, Suites AB Macon, MO 63552 | March 14 | 10:00-2:00 |



"Midwest Children's Burn Camp celebrated their 20th year of camp. This summer, 54 campers who survived serious burn injuries, had an unforgettable camp experience! The help of the SFSP helped make this possible".

Emily Bieker Stichling

To register for training near you, please see our online registration form at:
<http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/nutrition/foodprograms/sfsp/trainings.php>

SFSP Success Stories

Webb City Farmer's Market

The Webb City Farmer's Market partnered with a local church to do a pilot of the free summer kids meal last summer. In 2016, because the market now has a commercial kitchen on site, the market became the sponsor and went from a meal average of 90 once a week last year to a meal average of 150 kids twice a week. In 2016, we served during market on Tuesdays (supper) and Thursdays (lunch). We hope to serve at every market this coming summer, adding Saturday breakfast. Our meals are loaded with fresh local produce supplied by our farmers. We had a professional head cook and three part-time assistants. Volunteers helped serve the meal.

ParentLink with MU School of Education was at several meals with activities for kids and information for parents.

Eileen Nichols, Webb City Farmer's Market



Taco Tuesday! My kids (pictured below) usually turn their noses up with the mention of Mexican food. Webb City Farmer's Market for the win! They loved dinner tonight!

Julie Thompson Brashears



Photos submitted by Eileen Nichols, Webb City Farmer's Market

Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks

This year I would really like to brag over how many MORE meals we served this summer versus last summer! June, July and about 1/3 of August are our "summer months." We serve any child who walks through our doors between the age of 6 and 18. The SFSP has been a life-saver as well as a game changer for us. We actually have the ability to feed children who do not eat at home, do not have healthy foods available to them, or do not have parents to cook for them when they are home. It is such a privilege to say that last year, 2015, we served just under 22,500 meals; and this year, 2016, we served over 26,000 meals. That is an increase of over 1,000 meals per month during SFSP! We appreciate all that you and everyone else with MDHSS do for The Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks.

Meagan Braun, Food Services Coordinator

Powerhouse Ministries

Powerhouse Ministries knows the challenge and the importance of kids eating healthy and wholesome meals during the summer months. We also recognize the vital need for cognitive and social development. In partnership with the DHSS summer food program initiative we were able to provide a Monday - Friday, 10 week camp (Youth Power Inc.) that focuses on exposing youth to science, technology, engineering, agriculture and mathematics (STEAM). This included field trips to places like the Federal Reserve, Nelson-Atkins Art Museum and the K.C. Zoo (as pictured below). At-risk youth that would normally not have the privilege to visit such places during the summer months were afforded this opportunity.

Charles Stephenson, MRSS, RASACII, PCDC Executive Director, Powerhouse Ministries



SFSP Success Stories

Wyman Teen Leadership Program (TLP)

Wyman’s Teen Leadership Program (TLP) boosts teens’ tenacity through a six-year course of leadership experiences, and college access and persistence programming, that begin the summer after eighth grade. The program runs for six consecutive years: 9th grade through 2nd year after high school. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services’ Summer Food Service Program offsets the cost of lunches for teens in this program during summer programming at Camp Wyman.

During the program, Wyman coaches help teens identify their values, talents and interests, and explore aligned career paths. Teens participate in college tours, more than 40 hours of community service annually, and work with coaches to apply for college and secure financial aid that reduces the financial burden after graduation.

Focus: Life + Leadership Skills
Reach: 356 teens in St. Louis

Results:
100% progressed to the next grade level
100% graduated from high school on-time
91% enrolled in college or other post-secondary option
80% were actively engaged in community service

“There’s lots of injustice going on – around gender, race and privilege. That shouldn’t be the way the world works. Everyone is born with rights that shouldn’t be taken away. But the world doesn’t see it that way. I WANT TO CORRECT THAT, OR LIMIT IT TO THE BEST THAT I CAN. That’s why I want to become a Supreme Court Justice. – Devontey, TLP Teen



Better Family Life, Inc. – St. Louis, Missouri

For the past 19 years Better Family Life, Inc. has provided safe and enriching summer camp programming for youth in the St. Louis City, county and surrounding areas. The Summer Camp runs June 6th – July 18th and serves 100 children and youth ages 5 -18 by providing nutritious breakfast and lunch meals, programming of community service learning, exciting theme enrichment activities including dance, drama, art, science, play therapy, MAP study, health and nutrition classes, soccer, swimming, field trips and a 4-week tennis camp program sponsored by the City of St. Louis- Forest Park Dwight Davis Tennis Pros.

The Summer Food Service Program also provided hot lunch for the Normandy School’s Collaborative Summer Camp which Better Family Life also lead June 6th – June 30th serving 60 youth in Elementary and Middle School. Submitted by: S. Tori Fennoy.



Eckerd’s Apple Orchard Youth take a lunch break after picking apples during a Summer Camp Outing to the Orchards.

SFSP Success Stories

Open Door Ministries – Sedalia, Missouri

Partnering with community resources benefits all involved. This is especially true of The Open Door Summer Food Program in Sedalia, MO who partnered for the month of June 2016 with assistant store manager, Justin Hubbs, and the local Kohl's Cares Volunteer Program. Through the Kohl's Cares program, Kohl's associates donate their time volunteering in their community and with every qualifying event Kohl's awards a \$500 grant to the benefiting organization. The Open Door Summer Food Program received four such grants.

Not only did our Summer Food Program receive outstanding volunteers, but the monetary donation allowed our program to provide additional activities outside of our regular feeding program requirements. Kohl's volunteers served 606 lunch meals at their designated feeding site.

During the month of June 2016, the local Kohl's store associates filled in for Our Savior Lutheran Church volunteers who have manned the Sunset Village Mobile Home Park site for the past 6 years. This mobile feeding site is approximately 2 blocks from the Sedalia, MO. store location and serves lunch to 25-45 kids daily. The associates received hands-on training and insight into the need and purpose of the feeding program and the importance of seeing what is really happening in their community.

The additional funding provided through the Kohl's Cares Program provided the following activities for our Summer Food kids that would not have taken place without their participation:

*Open Door Summer Food staff and volunteers took 50 children from the mobile home park and another feeding site to see "The Secret Life of Pets" at the local movie theatre. All attending were given free admission **PLUS** popcorn and a drink of their choice. Some kids had never been to a movie theatre before and their reaction was priceless. The mobile home's management provider, Lead-M Home Company, was so impressed with the movie project that they responded with an additional donation.

*Six different sites were invited to participate, create props, and watch a dressed rehearsal for the Sedalia Liberty Center for the Arts and Sedalia Parks and Recreation's children's production of The Little Mermaid. Our kids got to see up close and personal what it takes to organize and put on a play. Summer Food kids were amazing at cheering on the cast of the children's production with several Sunset Village children being included in the play. Popcorn and drinks were provided at a nominal cost. Plans are underway to participate with this program in 2017.

*Sixty two children and 25 adults from 7 Summer Food sites along with The Salvation Army enjoyed a trip to the Missouri State Fair's Optimist Day at the Fair. Kids were picked up in a big yellow school bus donated by Apple Bus line and shuttled to and from the Missouri State Fairgrounds to enjoy a day of free rides, fair attractions, and lunch provided by Open Door and the Optimist. Funding from Kohl's was used to provide admission for adults and teens over 13 years old.

*A special week long Science is Fun class was provided at the Sedalia Housing Complex. The classes attracted 25 kids who learned that science is fun especially when it includes magnetic slime, marshmallow catapults, and bubbling volcanoes. This class was such a hit that Summer Food plans for 2017 include conducting it at an additional 5 more feeding sites. Kohl's and Share Our Strength provided funding for materials.

The Open Door Summer Food Program's mission is to reach out to feed kids during the summer months. We can accomplish so much more, but only with the help of the many dedicated groups and individuals such as Kohl's who commit to serving meals in adverse weather conditions and not always so pleasant surroundings.

The resources and willingness to serve others are out there and only waiting to be asked. The Open Door Summer Food is very thankful and appreciative of all those who work with us to provide nutritious meals and special activities during the summer months.

Submitted by: Sue Foster, Open Door Summer Food Coordinator



Area children from Sedalia attended the 2016 Missouri State Fair. Photo submitted by Sue Foster, Open Door Ministries