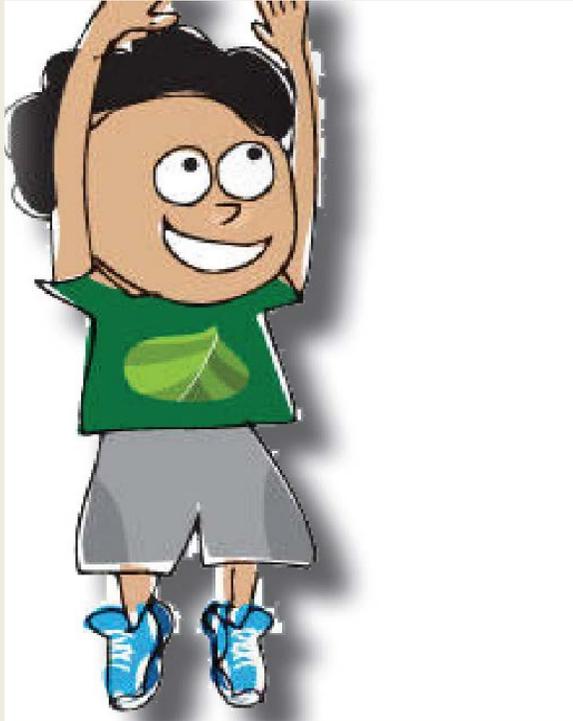


2018 Summer Food Service Program Newsletter

February 2018

Welcome to the Summer Food Service Program 2018!
Who wins with SFSP? Everyone!!



Food That's In When School is Out!

The Summer Food Service Program was established to ensure that children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. When school is out, SFSP provides free meals to kids and teens in low-income areas.

Please check out our website for Sponsor and Site Supervisor resources and guidance!

<http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/nutrition/foodprograms/sfsp/resources.php>

The SFSP State team is privileged to witness in this newsletter the outstanding achievements and hard work of the following sponsors: Doniphan R-I Schools, St. John Community Improvement Corporation and Operation Food Search.

If your organization would like to be featured next year, see your 2018 SFSP Orientation Manual for details.

See last page of this newsletter for training information

SFSP Success Stories

Doniphan R-1 Schools

We serve an average of 200 students per day during our summer program. We make every attempt to serve fun, as well as nutritious meals, to our students.

We introduced a new "Chef for a Day" program, in which students get to demonstrate and have students sample one of their favorite recipes. In turn, they come back to prepare and serve a similar snack, but in a nutritious form, with fresh fruits and healthy ingredients.

This program helps to teach students that healthy food can be delicious too! We have also introduced fun food selections by setting up buffet style meals, such as a whole grain pretzel bar, flatbread pizza bars, and yogurt parfait bars with fresh fruit toppings and whole grain homemade granola.



Demonstration on how to make Shakes



Eating a nutritious meal

*Photos submitted by Hope E. Vaughn, Director of Food Services
Doniphan R-1 Schools*

SFSP Success Stories

St. John Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) St. Louis, Missouri

St. John Community Improvement Corporation, is a 501(c)(3) faith based organization, that has existed for over fifteen years with its primary focus on community school age youth and children. Services are available year round with the Learning Enrichment After-school and summer programming which includes a teen component - "Project Work-Start".

St. John CIC opened its doors as a Freedom School Site in 2002. The Freedom's School's mission is to "Leave No Child Behind". The program was designed to provide summer and after-school enrichment. Freedom School's thrust, just as St. John's, is to encourage reading with an Afro-Centric focus. Our reading initiative helped us uncover many deficiencies in our children's abilities in the area of Reading and Math. With that discovery we became a trained Licensee allowing us to introduce a tutoring component to our youth. We also became a Supplemental Educational Service Provider, licensed by the state. We used this license in the St. Louis Public Schools, Normandy, Riverview, Ferguson/Florissant/Hazelwood and charter schools. On average, this program's statistical reports proved that after 30 hours of tutoring; 80% of the children improved by 1-2 grade levels.

Over the past fourteen years, St. John has served over 1,800 children with its various programs. We hold at least a 90% success rate with our programming.



Photo submitted by Sandra Jones, Executive Director
St. John Community Improvement Corporation

SFSP Success Stories

St. John Community Improvement Corporation St. Louis, Missouri (continued)



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In 2016 - St. John Community Improvement Corporation (St. John CIC) was successful in attaining six positions with the Youth Exploring Science (YES) Program provided through the St. Louis Science Center, for our Project Work-Start teen participants.

The (YES) Program is a four year extensive science based career awareness program. These positions are prestigious in that youth referred and accepted are exposed to science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) which helps develop career goals.

From the Science Center's statistical data, youth participating in their four year - YES program have gone on to become educators, entrepreneurs, and/or employed with cutting edge companies in the many STEAM fields.



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St. John Community Improvement Corporation



Getting ready for the Science Center's Halloween party.

SFSP Success Stories

Operation Food Search (OFS)

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, has teamed up with new area partners to create additional avenues and expand existing methods for feeding children 18 years of age and younger. OFS conducted a kick off media event, on the first day of the program, to launch the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The event included local and state elected officials, industry partners and all local television media outlets. The summer meals program ran June 5 through Aug. 11, with mobile and stationary service, Mon. through Fri.

This year (2017), OFS operated a very successful Summer Food Service Program. A total of 65,000 meals were served to children in the St. Louis area. Of these meals, 30,000 were served at traditional meal sites, and 35,000 were served as part of our mobile program. The introduction of the mobile meals concept proved successful in breaking down transportation barriers and increased access to healthy food. As a result, child participation at OFS-sponsored mobile locations grew by 150% over summer 2016. This year the mobile meal vans expanded from 16 locations to a total of 44 throughout the St. Louis Region.

OFS teamed up with 15 AmeriCorps members who are part of the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that helps millions of Americans improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service. Along with meal service, AmeriCorps members provided educational interaction and entertaining activities.

The St. Louis Public Library – which has five locations – featured the OFS mobile route service at the following branch locations: Carpenter, Carondelet, Central, Divoll, and Walnut Park. OFS has offered the stationary option at several St. Louis County Libraries since 2014 and continued this year. St. Louis Community Credit Union – which has three of its 15 locations for distribution sites – featured OFS mobile route service at the following branches: Gateway (Union and Natural Bridge), Pagedale (24:1 Wealth Accumulation Center), and Benton Park (South City Wealth Accumulation Center).

Community pop-up pantries, which were held on five Fridays throughout the summer, provided shelf-stable food, fresh fruits and vegetables, and on-site cooking demonstrations. The pop-up pantries were located on the existing mobile routes to ensure access to healthy food for the entire family over the weekend.

The International Literacy Association provided gently used books to be given to children at our mobile locations. Through this partnership OFS distributed over 5,000 books.



L to R: Representative Rochelle Walton Grey, Jack Baran of Pepsi Food for Good, St. Louis County Councilwoman Hazel Erby, back R: Shaun Pollard Pepsi Food for Good



L to R: Patrick Adams, St. Louis Community Credit Union, Representative Bob Burns, Representative Mark Matthesien



L to R: El Hawkins Pepsi Food for Good, Jack Baran Pepsi Food for Good, Sam Swafford AmeriCorps, Lucy Vogt AmeriCorps

2018 SFSP Sponsor Training Dates

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SFSP Sponsor Trainings		
Location	Dates	Times
Branson Public Schools District Office 1756 Bee Creek Road Branson, MO 65616 Park in back of building	March 23	10:00-1:00
Cape Girardeau Southeast District Health Office Room 2 471 Siemers Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701	March 15 March 16 April 12 April 13	10:00-1:30
Independence Northwest District Health Office Conference Room 2 3717 S. Whitney Ave. Independence, MO 64055	March 20 March 21 March 27 April 25 April 26	12:30–4:30 8:30–12:30 8:30–12:30 12:30–4:30 5:00–9:00
Jefferson City Dept. of Health & Sr. Services 930 Wildwood Jefferson City, MO 65109	March 8 March 9 April 10 April 13 April 20	9:00-2:00
Mercy Hospital —Cassville 94 Main Street Cassville, MO 65625	March 6	10:00-1:00
Mountain View SBU Mountain View Campus 209 W. First St. Mountain View, MO 65548	March 7	10:00-1:00
Springfield The Meyer Center-Ozark Room 3545 S. National Springfield, MO 65807	March 12 March 21 March 21 April 11 April 25	10:00-1:00 10:00-1:00 1:00-4:00 10:00-1:00 10:00-1:00
St. Louis Eastern District Health Office 220 S. Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, MO 63103	March 20 April 4 April 5 April 11 April 12 April 25	9:00-2:00
Webb City Webb City Library 101 Liberty St. Webb City, MO 64870	March 14	10:00-1:00

Training Topics

Financial Viability
 Offer vs. Serve
 Menu Planning
 Creditable Meal
 And much more!

Federal Regulations require all SFSP sponsors to attend program training prior to being approved to operate.

New staff members of established SFSP's are encouraged to attend new sponsor training.

To register for training near you, please see our online registration form at:

<http://health.mo.gov/sfsp> - trainings

Being a sponsor requires the highest level of commitment. Sponsoring means acting as the organizer for SFSP program sites. Sponsors must be able to provide capable staff, managerial skills, and food service capabilities. A sponsor may provide its own meals, purchase through an agreement with an area school, or contract for meals with a food vendor

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