



SNAC Bites

June 2018 Edition

Welcome to the June 2018 issue of SNA Communication (SNAC) Bites! SNAC Bites highlights new SNA programs and provides content for your state association publications, chapter meetings, & social media. In some cases, the content will need to be customized for your state association's needs.

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1. Discover the Power of Networking at #ANC18

Where is the one place you can find thousands of school nutrition professionals under one roof, creating a remarkable opportunity for networking? At [#ANC18](#) of course! In fact, it's the power of networking at ANC that keeps members coming back year after year. The Annual National Conference is designed to encourage networking on multiple levels, including [Membership Section Meetings](#) and Member Section Lounges where you can meet with peers from across the country to discuss challenges and solutions, as well as numerous [special events](#). [Register](#) by **Friday, June 8** to ensure a hotel room at the SNA rate!

2. SNA Launches Stop the Block Coalition

SNA announces the launch of the [#Stoptheblock](#) Coalition and [website](#), an effort with partner organizations to oppose any attempts to block grant school nutrition programs. To learn more about the coalition, or the harm that block grants would inflict, visit <http://www.stopblockgrantsnow.org>.

Organizations interested in joining the coalition can reach out to SNA Government Affairs Associate, Matt Miller at mmiller@schoolnutrition.org. Individuals are encouraged to join the fight by [signing the petition](#), [sending a letter](#) to their legislators, sharing the [#StoptheBlock FAQs](#) and [infographic](#) on social media, and continuing local [education efforts](#) on the detrimental nature of block granting school nutrition programs.

3. National Leadership Conference Energizes State Board for Year Ahead!

Incoming [STATE] board members [LIST NAMES AND POSITIONS] attended SNA's National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Long Beach, California on April 26-28, 2018. NLC provides current and future state and national leaders the opportunity to learn critical information about successfully leading a nonprofit association,



to network with other leaders from across the country, and to gain new skills to become a more successful and engaging leader.

During the conference, the attendees heard from Logan Weber on the power of our words and the impact it has on our lives, overcoming obstacles, and the skills and attitudes that all successful leaders should strive for. There were also numerous breakout sessions led by leadership speakers from across the country.

4. Meet Our Future Leaders!

The SNA Future Leaders Program was just held in conjunction with the National Leadership Conference on April 26-28, 2018. The Future Leaders Program was taught by SNA Past SNA Presidents and provided hands-on training to emerging leaders. Participants networked with SNA members and leaders from across the country and honed their leadership and communication skills. Using the Gallup StrengthsFinder exercise, they also identified and learned how to utilize their own unique set of leadership strengths.

Congratulations to [NAME] from [SCHOOL DISTRICT] who represented our state and successfully completed the Future Leaders Program! We are lucky to have this up-and-coming association star.

5. Exciting Changes to the SNA Website Coming this Fall!

Did you know that the Education & Professional Development tab on SNA's website is changing? With a Back to School launch date the new aptly named "Learning Center" will provide additional resources developed to help you manage your program and your staff more efficiently. The Certificate and Credentialing tab will be moving to its own tab and we will be adding new sections and new material to the new Learning Center that will complement the current resources. Breakfast in the Classroom, Training Techniques for Adult Learners, and Financial Management are just a few of the upcoming additions. Be on the lookout for additional information on the new resources.

6. House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Bills Approved by Committees

Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees considered bills in May to authorize spending on Agriculture programs for Fiscal Year 2019. The [House bill](#) was approved on a vote of 31-20, while the Senate committee voted to advance [its bill](#) unanimously. SNA was successful in having a number of its legislative priorities included in the bills, including grants for equipment purchases, funding for school breakfast commodities, and recommendations to USDA on program requirements and regulations.

At the time of publication, both bills still needed to be voted on by the House and Senate. If passed, they would need to be reconciled in a conference committee before being sent to the President. Read more [here](#).

7. FNS Announces Revisions to Child Nutrition Program Waivers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) [announced](#) that it is revising the current process for state agencies and eligible service providers seeking a waiver of statutory or regulatory requirements for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP).



8. USDA Announces Paperwork Reductions for the Summer Food Service Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) [announced in the Federal Register](#) a final rule that amends the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) regulations to extend simplified cost accounting and reporting procedures to SFSP sponsors in all States, and eliminate the cost comparison requirements for determining payments to sponsors. The rule also makes discretionary changes to improve administrative efficiency and reduce paperwork in the management of the SFSP, and amends the National School Lunch Program regulations to create consistency among the Child Nutrition Programs regarding notice procedures. The rule is effective July 31, 2018, and State agencies and SFSP sponsors must implement its provisions no later than January 1, 2019.

9. Need Ideas to Reinvigorate your Local SNA Chapter? Attend CLW @ ANC!

Are you a local or state SNA chapter leader who is looking for ways to reinvigorate your chapter or start a new chapter? Don't miss the Chapter Leadership Workshop on Sunday, July 8, from 8:00am to 12:00pm featuring networking opportunities with chapter leaders from across the country and topics such as planning to engage meetings, recruiting new members, and more. Back by popular demand, this session will be led by JoAnne Robinett, SNS. *Encourage your local chapter leaders to attend!*

10. Member Get a Member Annual Membership Campaign 2018-19

Are you ready to recruit? To remain [#SNAStrong](#) we need more voices raised in support of school nutrition programs. With the threat of block grants and other funding cuts, SNA provides a strong voice of defense for school nutrition programs and your recruitment help plays a key role in raising our voice to 60,000 members strong. When you recruit one or more new members between **June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019**, SNA will be stronger than ever and you will have a chance to win a free registration for ANC 2020 in Nashville, TN. Check out the [Membership Resources](#) page for all the tools you'll need to recruit new members!

11. Join our Final Webinar Wednesday of the School Year!

On June 20, our Best of #LAC18 Series concludes with *Mastering Forecasting through Cycle Menus*, where 3 exceptional speakers will provide their expert insights into managing a cycle menu. The speakers will discuss the different factors that should be assessed when planning. From menu arrangements, operational management, forecasting and adapting to changing needs, they'll discuss each consideration. Learn more about all the webinars SNA has to offer by visiting <https://schoolnutrition.org/webinars/>.