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# Schools as Nutrition Hubs:

*The Business Savvy Strategy to Reduce Childhood Hunger*



# WHAT IS A NUTRITION HUB?



Schools operating as Nutrition Hubs operate all available federal child nutrition programs – school breakfast, lunch, supper, and summer meals. This strategy:

- Increases access to nutritious meals by providing three meals a day to students in need.
- Provides school food service departments with a financial management solution: increasing revenue, optimizing staff time, and maximizing operational efficiencies.



Making your school a nutrition hub  
is good business.



# What are the benefits of operating a Nutrition Hub?

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- Improved access
- Improved education
- Improved school community
- Improved operational efficiency
- Improved financial success





# What are the Nutrition Hub keys to success?



- **Identify champions.** Start small and build from there.
- **Maintain flexibility.** Customize solutions for each location.
- **Use data to drive decisions.** Engage staff in this process.
- **Find synergies.** Maximize efficiencies across operations, including staff.



# What's Next?



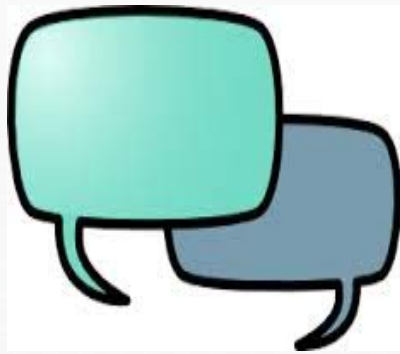
- Toolkit Development
  - Assessment Form
  - Action Plan
  - Financial Planning
- Assessment Form Feedback





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# Assessment Feedback



## Group Assignment:

- Review each of the segment of your assigned program assessment
- In each segment think about, “When expanding to a new program....”:
  1. What additional information would you collect or consider? What is missing?
  2. How difficult or easy is it to access the information in the assessment questions?
  3. What challenges do you anticipate ?



# Before we dive in...



- Designate a scribe.



- Designate a reporter.



- Designate a texter.





# Text Example



- **Poll Questions:** What's missing from the program planning questions?
- **Example Responses:**
  - Breakfast. You should include information about preferred type of menu items in a school.
  - Supper. You should discuss in more detail transportation challenges.
  - Summer. You should include information about what on-site supervision would be included.

# Program Planning



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# Assessment Feedback



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# Financial Planning



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# General Comments and Questions



- General Comments about the Concept of Schools as Nutrition Hubs
- General Comments about the Assessment



## Things to Look Forward to:

- Release of a toolkit in Winter 2018
- Train the trainer sessions in early 2018

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