



The Journal of Child Nutrition & Management Now Accepting Proposals for its Special Issue on Alternative Models of Service and Delivery in Child Nutrition Programs

The landscape of providing meals to schoolchildren has changed drastically over the past few years. From an emphasis on alternative delivery methods for school breakfasts, increasing numbers of students taking part in snack programs and dinners, to natural disasters and COVID-19, school nutrition has been a nimble and constantly changing arena. School nutrition employees have overcome many challenges in their efforts to ensure children have access to healthy meals, even when learning has occurred remotely or when emergency feeding plans had to be utilized.

The *Journal of Child Nutrition and Management (JCNM)* is seeking submissions that address challenges and strategies related to the need for alternative meal service and delivery. We welcome current research from practitioners and researchers that lends itself to guiding future research and policy development as well as identifying best practices for new service and delivery models. We invite individuals who can offer relevant strategies and innovative solutions for ensuring the health and safety of school meals in the midst of uncertainty to submit manuscripts for publication consideration. This peer-reviewed research journal and guidelines for submission are available at www.schoolnutrition.org/JCNM. Submissions may be made in the following categories:

- Commentary
- Current Issues
- Practical Solutions
- Research in Action
- Research Briefs

For those who have submitted or presented posters at the Annual Nutrition Conference or those who plan to submit abstracts, we would like to invite you to use those as a foundation for a manuscript. Benefits of publication include publicity for school meals, widening the evidence base for school nutrition practices, raising the profile of school meal programs, and providing guidance for other professionals in the field. Graduate student, intern, and research projects are all great sources for ideas and can be utilized for manuscript preparation.

Questions? Contact **Susan Arendt, PhD, RD, FAND**, Editor of *JCN&M*, at sarendt@iastate.edu.

Submission Deadline
December 31, 2021

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES



COMMENTARY

A brief opinion piece that stimulates thought, challenges the status quo and/or provides suggestions for research in action.



CURRENT ISSUES

A review of current literature or a discussion of an aspect related to service or delivery models.



PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

Description of a problem or challenge resolved through use of a scientific method of inquiry that led to improvements in a specific school meal program or in a school nutrition program setting.



RESEARCH IN ACTION

A report of original research related to alternative meal service and delivery models that includes identification of purpose, description of methods, presentation and discussion of findings, and application of results for child nutrition professionals.



RESEARCH BRIEF

This category is similar to a Research in Action submission but with a focus on a small or non-representative sample and topics considered of interest to a select group of readers.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, non-profit professional organization representing 58,000 school nutrition professionals across the country. Founded in 1946, SNA and its members are dedicated to making healthy school meals and nutrition education available to all students. For more information on school meals, visit www.SchoolNutrition.org/SchoolMeals.