The Power of Collaboration
Linking With School Nutrition Resources
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Objectives

1. Provide an overview of the whole child strategic plan at the GaDOE
2. Discover resources that can be offered by School Nutrition Programs
3. Identify possible gaps in current communication processes and identify possible internal and external partners for seamlessly reaching more students
4. Share resources and best practices for providing coordinated support for homeless students
5. Identify challenges and barriers
Strategic Plan
Over Arching Priorities

1. Streamline and align process, procedures, services and support
2. Leverage experience and expertise of teams across the agency
3. Provide high quality tools, resources, and professional development that are responsive to needs and support continuous improvement
4. Provide assessible and actionable data and information
5. Strengthen collective impact through relationships and alignment with agencies, nonprofits, businesses, etc.
6. Identify and share best practices/evidence based
7. Foster change and improvement through proactive coaching and supports rather than reactive
8. Personalize learning
9. Stay current or ahead and be a leader on state and national levels
10. Provide coordinated supports to increase student achievement
School Nutrition Overview
Resources and Services

- Breakfast
- Lunch
  - Field Trips
  - Classroom and School Celebrations
- After School Snacks
- Supper Meals
- Summer Meals

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### DID YOU KNOW?

**School Year 2018-19**

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Average number of lunches served daily</td>
<td>1,076,733</td>
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<td>Percentage of children participating in the lunch program</td>
<td>65.90%</td>
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<td>Percentage of children participating in the Breakfast Program</td>
<td>38.70%</td>
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<td>Number of lunches served</td>
<td>196 million</td>
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<td>Number of breakfast served</td>
<td>108 million</td>
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<td>Number of snacks served</td>
<td>10 million</td>
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<td>Percentage of school districts with more than 75% of students participating in the Free and Reduce Lunch Program</td>
<td>42.46%</td>
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<td>Total number of Georgia schools participating in the NSLP</td>
<td>2,298</td>
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<td>Total student enrollment of all schools participating in the NSLP</td>
<td>1,767,178</td>
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Statistics on Homeless Students and Nutrition

- Nationwide - 1.4 million, Georgia - 39,952
- Mean income of families experiencing homelessness is less than half the federal poverty line.
- Homeless mothers cite lack of money as the primary reason for their inability to provide three meals a day.
Limitations & Considerations

• Affordability
• Food safety and storage capabilities
• Limited access to resources needed to prepare and cook meals
• Lack of access to health care and services
• Lack of access to transportation
Best Practices

• Cohesive partnership
• Beginning of the year collaboration meeting
• Email
• Eligibility form-interoffice
• Share spreadsheet
• Balances
• Registrars
• Weekend food bags
• Summer food programs
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What Challenges & Barriers are YOU facing in Your Districts and Schools?

What Challenges & Barriers are your STUDENTS & FAMILIES facing?
Educating Georgia’s Future by graduating students who are ready to learn, ready to live, and ready to lead.

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