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Technical Assistance: Nutrition Services Program Specialists are available to help you with any part of your food service operation. Please call regarding regulations, meal pattern, production records, standardizing recipes, meal service issues, job descriptions, labor hours, budget problems, nutrient analysis, etc. We want to help you make your program as efficient as possible.

CRE: Coordinated Review Effort: NDE visits each school district at least once every five years. Advance notice is given. Free and reduced price meal applications, the meal counting system, claim preparation and recordkeeping, menus and production records for the school year are reviewed. A lunch meal service is observed.

SMI: School Meals Initiative Review: Before the CRE, a nutrient analysis of one week of menus is completed. The results are reviewed during the visit. Other areas such as portion control, standardized recipes and labor hours are also covered. Written follow-up is sometimes requested to assure meals meet meal pattern and nutrient standards, production records are done correctly and standardized recipes are being developed.

SNA Membership/Certification

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is the national organization for individuals working in the field of child nutrition. Membership in SNA automatically enables an individual to be a member of the state association, the Nebraska School Nutrition Association (NSNA). Members can become certified as a School Foodservice Manager by meeting specific training and educational requirements.

Nebraska Training and Education for Nutrition Teams (NTENT)

This is a training program designed for school foodservice managers and staff. It is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services and partners. The program provides training to meet SNA certification requirements, training for job performance improvement and professional growth. The curriculum includes classes, activity-based learning and hands on training in food preparation. It is held in June at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.