



# Continuing Education Resources To Meet Professional Standards Training Requirements

The following list of continuing education resources includes links to hundreds of free and low-cost training options. Check this list often as it will be updated on a regular basis. If you find additional sources of free training please let me know by contacting me at [Donna.Handley@nebraska.gov](mailto:Donna.Handley@nebraska.gov).

## NDE-Nutrition Services

- **[Nutrition Services Professional Standards](#)**
  - This site has links to basic information about Professional Standards. Click on *Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services School Lunch Training* to access information on workshops and online training from the Nutrition Services Staff in addition to an updated List of ServSafe Training dates.
- **[Nebraska Team Nutrition](#)**
  - New recorded webinars available soon in the *Training* folder on this website. Topics include Civil Rights, Smart Snacks, Promoting Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Special Diets, Wellness Policy and Recess Before Lunch to name a few.

## USDA/Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

- **[Professional Standards Website](#)**
  - This website serves as the USDA homepage for Professional Standards. Links lead to information in the categories of Regulation, Training, and Technical Assistance and Guidance Materials.
- **[Database of Professional Standards Trainings](#)**
  - This site allows school nutrition staff to search for training by category. More than 450 free and low-cost training resources in a variety of formats
- **[USDA Food and Nutrition Service YouTube channel](#)**
  - Over 50 videos can be found in the *USDA Food and Nutrition Service Playlists*. Choose from the topics of Summer Meals, Farm to School or Food Distribution.
- **[Farm to School](#)**
  - Many education resources including fact sheets, videos and webinars. Learn more about “Going Local”, engaging the community, getting kids excited, and procurement in addition to many other topics.
  - Click on the following link to watch the Farm to School Month Midwest Menu Webinar featuring Melinda Maendele, Food Service Director of Norris Public School District right here in Nebraska! You can find a link to the PowerPoint slides below the YouTube screen. [Farm to School Month Midwest Menu Webinar](#)
- **[Team Nutrition](#)**
  - The Training and Technical Assistance website for USDA Team Nutrition. Includes training materials and webinars for Menu Planning and HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms (HUSCC: SL).

- **Food Safety**
  - The Food and Nutrition Service website that provides food safety education and training resources for school food service personnel. Check out *Food Safety Resources by Topic*.
- **Produce Safety University Training for Professional Standards**
  - Several PowerPoint presentations addressing such issues as school gardens and the purchasing, storage and preparation of fresh produce. Speaker notes included.

### **National Farm to School Network YouTube Channel**

- This site has over 20 videos on a variety of Farm to School topics.

### **School Nutrition Association (SNA)**

- This link takes you to the SNA USDA Professional Standards webpage. Click on the *Webinars* link on the left side of the page to register for upcoming webinars and access the webinar archives. Click on the *Credentialing* link and choose *Earning CEUs* to access more continuing education opportunities. Must be a member of SNA to use these resources.

### **Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN; formerly NSFMI)**

- The ICN School Nutrition Page where you'll find numerous research-based education and training resources. The *Serving It Safe* link under Most Current and Most In-Demand Resources will lead you to an excellent source of training materials designed to provide school nutrition employees with up-to-date information on food safety.

### **Smarter Lunchrooms**

- The site of the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement that has a goal of creating lunchrooms that guide smarter choices. Click on *Resources* to access Training Materials that include PowerPoint presentations, webinars, and other forms of continuing education materials.

### **The Lunch Box**

- A site full of information for school lunch food service staff who want to use more fresh ingredients and transition from using processed foods to scratch cooking. Click on *Programs* to access the *Webinars* page.