
Mission – School & Community Nutrition Program

We provide leadership, training and technical assistance, and resources so that local program personnel may deliver quality meals and education that contribute to the nutritional well-being of Georgians and their performance at work and school.

Values

We believe that

- serving clients who deliver nutrition program benefits to customers is the reason we exist.
- the delivery of services must be based on the assessed needs of the target population.
- decisions affecting programs must be made in the best interest of the client and the customer.
- well-nourished children are better able to learn.
- training of clients improves the quality of benefits to program customers.
- planning is essential to effective program administration and implementation of goals.
- fiscal responsibility and effective management are vital to program accountability.
- nutrition affects physical growth and intellectual development.
- program benefits help reduce hunger and food insecurity.
- nutrition education for children influences their eating habits and those of their family members for a lifetime.
- food choices must be planned, prepared and offered so that the customer can select meals that comply with the Dietary Guidelines, thus enhancing the likelihood that the customer will choose a healthful diet.
- meals must be acceptable to customers, accommodating children with special needs, consistent with the Dietary Guidelines and served in pleasant, attractive and safe environments by caring people.
- program benefits must be promoted and made easily accessible to customers.
- school and community nutrition programs benefit Georgia's economy.

Guiding Principles

We will

- deliver services courteously.
- provide services to clients in a manner that is clear, accurate and useful and that meets established standards.
- act in a responsive and cooperative manner to achieve our mission.
- empathize with the needs of our clients and their customers with whom we come in contact.
- use current and reliable information to guide all facets of program operation and administration.
- incorporate child development principles in services and program benefits.
- incorporate the principles of adult education in the development and delivery of training.
- use technology to increase our effectiveness and improve communications.
- communicate the purpose of activities and the reason for priorities to enhance staff effectiveness.
- conserve and use all resources wisely.
- foster a positive environment in which the contribution of each team member is valued.
- support the continuous development of knowledgeable, professional staff.
- promote best practices and mentoring.
- promote an awareness of nutrition and nutrition issues.
- support public policy consistent with our mission and values.
- collaborate with others, including members of the food service industry, nutrition and education professionals, and allied agencies, to support the mission.
- prepare ourselves professionally in order to fulfill our mission.