

Nutrition Note



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Hi {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

Welcome to the June Nutrition Note! Included in this issue are developments in nutrition policy, summer meal program information, updates on WIC, and the TJC activities for the month. Also included are grant opportunities for schools and upcoming events.



Call to Action:

Oppose the HUD proposal on mixed status families!

HUD has proposed a rule to bar mixed families from staying together in government subsidized housing. A mixed family household is a family with legal citizens eligible for benefits and ineligible or undocumented immigrants staying in the same subsidized housing. The proposed rule will either force the families to split up or force everyone, including American citizens, to be forced into homelessness. The rule will directly affect 100,000 US citizens (55,000 children could be removed from their homes) many who already live in poverty and participate in SNAP, and those who do not will most likely be forced on to SNAP because of the rule.

What can you do?

- Read more about the proposed rule [here](#).
- **Submit a comment [here](#) to oppose the rule!**
- Ask others to submit a comment.

Comments are due July 9th!

Please contact the TJC nutrition team with any questions you have if you need assistance drafting a comment.

SNAP Legislative News

SNAP Time Limits

Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) has introduced a bill into the house that would abolish the three-month time limit for childless adults ages 18 to 49, allowing individuals who struggle to find employment to access SNAP. The bill was introduced to the Committee on Agriculture and referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. The bill H.R.2809 will improve access to SNAP and provide needed support for individuals while they look for work, a process that generally lasts longer than three months. [Click here](#) to follow the progress of the bill as it hopefully becomes law!

SNAP for Older Americans

SNAP on \$16

Pictured below is a grocery basket full of food purchased for \$16, the minimum senior SNAP benefit. The Knox County CAC created this visual to show how much can be purchased for just \$16. Food costs for seniors add up, especially with added medical costs that older Americans often face. SNAP can help seniors meet their food needs. Seniors can deduct their medical expenses from their income to help bolster their SNAP benefits. Check out the TJC [medical deduction factsheet](#) to learn how it works.



Child Nutrition Programs

Reminder: Summer Meals Are Going On!

- Summer meal programs are in full swing! The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free meals to children 18 and under in low-income areas during the summer at parks, schools and community sites.
- To find contact information and free meal program locations closest to you, use this link: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/capacitybuilder>

Tennessee Schools win USDA Summer Meals Award

Congratulations to the Tennessee summer meal programs winning the USDA's Turnip the Beet awards. The winners from Tennessee were 2018 silver award winners: **Campbell County High School** and **Morgan County Schools Food & Nutrition**; and bronze award winners: **East Tennessee Human Resource Agency Prescott Elementary School Site** and **Robertson County Schools**! These awards recognize outstanding summer meal program sponsor who distinguished themselves with high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and wholesome.

Child Nutrition Legislative News

Lunch Shaming

The No Shame at School Act (H.R. 3366) was introduced by Minnesota Democrats Representative Ilhan Omar and Senator Tina Smith with the goal to combat lunch and breakfast meal program shaming at schools. Lunch shaming has become one of the biggest hurdles to consistent participation. This bill bans the use of identification for students who cannot pay for lunch at school such as wristbands or hand stamps. It also would bar schools from publishing lists of students who owe money for school meals and using debt collectors to try and recoup meal fees. The ratification of this bill would be an important step in increasing school meal participation and ensuring no child goes hungry.

Funding Opportunities for Tennessee Schools

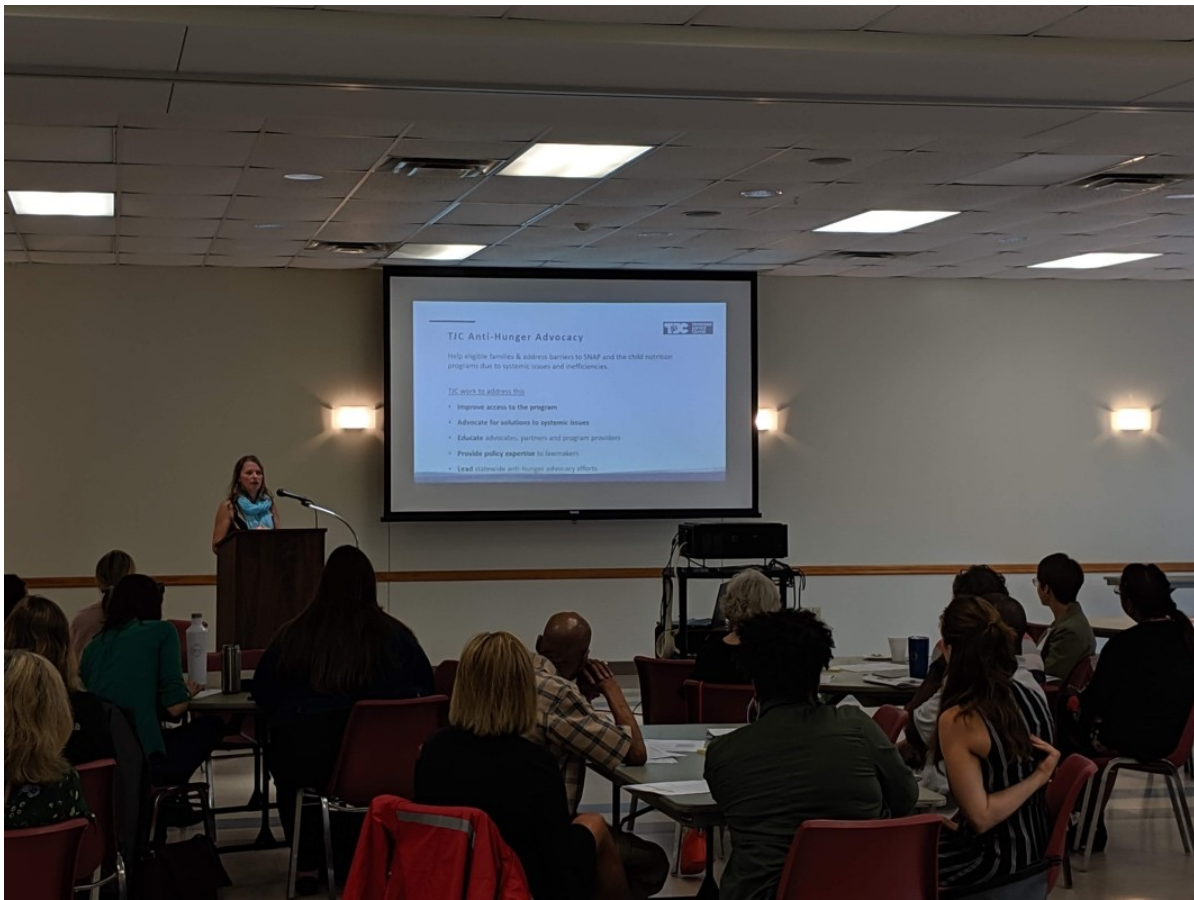
General Mills has partnered with the **FRAC** to provide grants to eligible schools with the goal of increasing participation in the School Breakfast Programs in school districts in select states, including Tennessee.

Grants are meant to either start or help with the continuation of schools providing breakfast at no charge to all students in the forms of breakfast in the classroom, “grab and go” breakfast and/or second chance breakfast. Selected districts receive up to *\$8,000 dollars per school* as well as any technical assistance to ensure the programs are implemented sustainably and successfully.

For further questions or information about the grants, please contact **Diane Girouard** at dgirouard@frac.org

East Tennessee Anti-Hunger Meeting

Last Wednesday June 20, TJC hosted its third meeting in its anti-hunger series across Tennessee in partnership with the Knox County CAC Office on Aging. The meeting focused on East-Tennessee and the hunger issues, solutions and policies impacting the region. Over forty representatives from non-profits, school districts, government offices, and food banks gathered in Knoxville for a day long discussion on topics ranging from SNAP, WIC, to school meal programs. There were great discussions on how to improve participation and advocacy for these programs as well as establishing connections for future partnerships between attendees. Thanks to the Knox County CAC Office on Aging, the O’Connor Senior Center, and to Kroger for making this event possible!



WIC Mobile Program

The Metro Public Health Department and the Davidson County WIC Program have teamed up with churches, community centers, and public service organizations throughout Davidson County to offer WIC services at more convenient locations!

WIC mobile was created to help with participants struggling to get to their WIC appointments or office because of proximity to the city, transportation issues, etc. Participants receiving WIC benefits can now attend the WIC Mobile Clinic. WIC Mobile sites are chosen to be closer and more convenient for families.

Each month, the mobile clinic has over 20 different classes at 16 community locations. [Click here](#) to see the schedule or call to make an appointment at 615-905-1942.



TJC Knoxville Happy Hour!

TJC will be hosting its 2019 Knoxville Happy Hour this Thursday, June 27 from 5:30-7:30 PM. If you are in the area, you're invited to a happy hour reception celebrating our incredible clients in Knoxville and beyond. Come enjoy drinks and insight into our work at this fun, free, celebratory gathering. We will provide appetizers, laughs, and an opportunity to mingle with TJC staff and other Knoxville attorneys and organizations. We will also be honoring our East Tennessee Mothers of the Year.

Event page for RSVPs: <https://www.tjjustice.org/event/knoxville2019/>

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/353638378678534/>

Webinars at TJC

Check out other TJC webinar and training opportunities:

June 26, 1PM - Health coverage for immigrants

[Register Here](#)

June 27, 1PM - Parents, caretaker relatives, and pregnant women eligibility

[Register Here](#)

We're Hiring!

The TJC Nutrition Team is accepting applications for the Nutrition Advocate position. Learn more about the opportunity here: <https://www.tjjustice.org/careers/>

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