



THE SURREY

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Annual Leadership Training to be held this year Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th. Friday’s session will start in the evening, allowing you plenty of time to get to Oklahoma City to participate. Saturday’s session will be a half day, so you will still have some of your weekend for yourself.

Presented by Alex Bromley, we will be taught leadership tips and tricks to best deal with conflict! Based on the book “Verbal Judo, The Gentle Art of Persuasion” this promises to be a wonderful event for directors and managers alike.

Registration forms will be in the March/April issue of the Surrey. As soon as possible, registration forms will be posted on our website, www.snaofok.org, so keep checking back. The cost for the training is \$105 per person

A block of rooms as been reserved at the 21cMuseum Hotel. Located in the former Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant in Oklahoma City, 900 W. Main Street. Please call the hotel directly at 405.982.6900 and mention OKSNA2020, the personalized booking code, in order to access the negotiated rate of \$150 per night.

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COMING EVENTS

ANC is coming back to Nashville Tennessee. If you haven’t attended a Annual National Conference of the School Nutrition Association, make plans to attend at this wonderful location. The Event is held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, a travel destination in itself.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2020!

What a busy month we have! I recommend heading over to www.schoolnutrition.org for all of the details.

PLEASE nominate your friends and coworkers for an SNA award. Oklahoma has such incredible employees, managers, and directors. Let's get you all nominated for an award! You can find more information at <https://schoolnutrition.org/Membership/AwardsScholarships/>

Have you heard about the +1 Membership Challenge? The +1 Membership Challenge is the perfect way to show your support for SNA and help grow our membership to ensure that we remain strong and continue providing high-quality educational resources and advocacy to meet your needs.

1. Download the fun signs and social media tools
2. Share your reason for being an SNA member
3. Recruit at least one new member

SNA just released the 2020 Position Paper. This is the tool we will use in Washington DC to make sure Congress gets the same message from all of SNA. Generally pleased with the Paper, but I am very happy to see this point: Urge the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the US Department of Education, in collaboration with School Food Authorities (SFAs), to develop guidance on ensuring students have adequate time to eat healthy school meals.

The SNA Virtual Expo will be live February 4 through March 4. The Virtual Expo is a chance for you to learn about new products and get continuing education credits by watching education sessions filmed during the Annual National Conference. It is totally a conference you can attend in your pajamas!

If you need more information, check out www.schoolnutrition.org. If you're not using SNA's website regularly, you're really missing out.

Stay warm.

Krista

RETIREMENTS WITHIN THE CHILD NUTRITION WORLD

Several long time Child Nutrition Professionals have retired recently, or will be retiring.

At the November SNA of OK Board Retreat, Charlotte Smith, our long time Executive Secretary, tendered her resignation. Currently the Association is seeking someone to follow in Charlotte's footsteps, as she is simply not someone to be replaced. While the search for a new Executive Director continues, Charlotte continues to fill the role on a month to month basis.

Kevin Ponce retired from Oklahoma City Schools at the end of December. He and his family are currently enjoying travel around the Southwest and California. Shonia Hall has been promoted to Director.

On February 7th of this year, Debbie Hamilton, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs will permanently leave the building to her well earned retirement. Jennifer Weber will take over the reigns. A retirement reception has been scheduled for Debbie at the SDE that day from 1:30 to 3:00 pm!



SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

2020 POSITION PAPER

Research shows school meals support academic achievement, obesity prevention and overall student health by improving children's diets and combatting hunger. School meals are as critical to learning as teachers and textbooks. School Nutrition Association (SNA) has long supported offering healthy school meals to all students at no charge, as an integral part of their education. On behalf of school nutrition professionals and the students they serve, SNA calls on Congress to work toward this long-term goal by preserving the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and taking the following additional steps:

Increase Student Access to School Breakfast and Lunch:

- **Eliminate the Reduced Price category (ERP).** Students whose families earn between 130 and 185 percent of the federal poverty level qualify to receive reduced price meals. However, some of these students go hungry during the school day or accumulate unpaid meal debt because many families struggle to afford the reduced price co-pay. Allowing these vulnerable children to receive free school meals will ensure consistent access to the nutrition they need to succeed, while reducing growing unpaid student meal debt and easing administrative burdens.
- **Expand Direct Certification with Medicaid for Free and Reduced Price Meals (DCM-F/RP) to all states.** Allow all states to use Medicaid data to automatically certify eligible students for free and reduced price meals. Direct certification eliminates the school meal application requirement for needy families, reduces paperwork and processing for schools, improves certification efficiency and accuracy and decreases unpaid meal debt.
- **Urge the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the US Department of Education, in collaboration with School Food Authorities (SFAs), to develop guidance on ensuring students have adequate time to eat healthy school meals.** Short lunch periods are a concern – especially for millions of food-insecure children who depend on school meals. To increase consumption of fruits and vegetables, which take longer to consume, and to minimize food waste, schools must provide students adequate “seat time” in the cafeteria.

Strengthen School Meal Programs:

- **Preserve USDA's 2018 final rule *Child Nutrition Programs: Flexibilities for Milk, Whole Grains and Sodium Requirements*.** This final rule preserves strong standards for school meals, including calorie and fat limits, Target 1 sodium reductions and mandates to offer students a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grain options and low fat or fat free milk.
- **Increase USDA Foods (commodities) support for the School Breakfast Program (SBP).** The FY 2020 Agriculture Appropriations Bill contains \$20 million for breakfast commodities. Increasing USDA Foods support for SBP will allow more students to benefit from a nutritious school breakfast, help schools cover rising costs and advance USDA's mission of supporting America's farmers.
- **Support USDA's ongoing effort to streamline overly complex child nutrition programs.** Streamlining regulations will minimize costs, allowing school nutrition professionals to invest time and resources toward better serving students.

**CALLING ALL COWGIRLS AND COWBOYS
LASSO YOUR SCHOOL NUTRITION
JUNE 16-18 2020**



SNA of OK STATE CONFERENCE

Conference Center Information:

NCED CONFERENCE CENTER

(National Center for Employment Development)

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As you can see, SNA OF OKLAHOMA has several positions vacant on the Board of Directors.

Contact Krista Neal if you are willing to serve!

