

USDA, STATE AGENCIES, AND ICN: PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE



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Background

• Established by Congress in 1989

 Mission: Provide evidence-based information, services, and support that advance child nutrition programs equitably across the nation.

 Applied Research, Education, Training, and Technical Assistance



Back-to-School Training in the American Samoa in August 2023.

Applied Research Division

The Applied Research Division (ARD) conducts applied research projects that address operational issues impacting Child Nutrition (CN) programs.

What is Applied Research?

- Addresses real-world issues
- Finds solutions to everyday problems
- Has immediate and practical applications of the findings

What Are Operational Issues?

The processes, functions, and regulations surrounding a CN program that cultimate in the delivery of food and nutrition services.

Our Projects Focus On:

- Continuous improvement of CN programs
- Strengthening the competence within the CN profession
- Operational issues

We Use the Following Methodologies:

- National surveys
- Case studies
- Expert work groups/national review panels
- Request for Application/ Request for Proposal

2023 Synchronous Training

310 FACE-TO-FACE



190



VILTS

500





12,000+



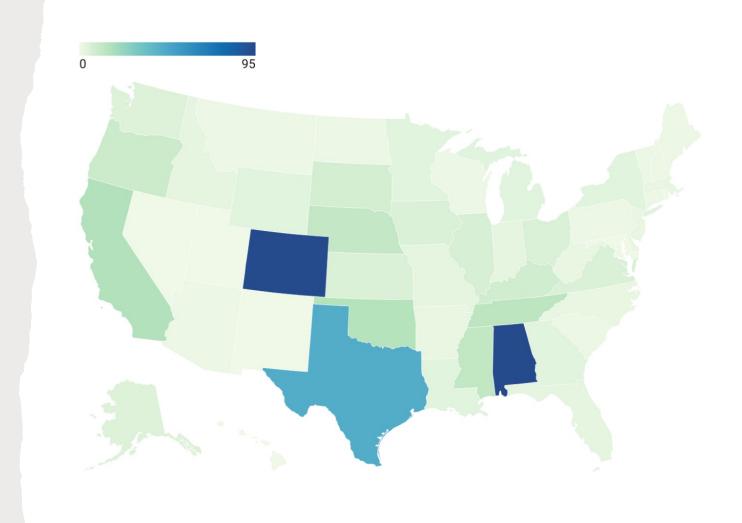
PARTICIPANTS

43/48

STATES



ALASKA AMERICAN SAMOA



ILEARN

ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM AND MOBILE APP



USERS

319,000 + total

82,000 new this year

increase since iLearn's launch in 2017



122

10 self-paced online courses25 recorded webinarslaunched so far this year



1.3 M total

293,754 new this year

3550% increase since iLearn's launch in 2017



COURSE COMPLETIONS

1 M total

234,564 new this year

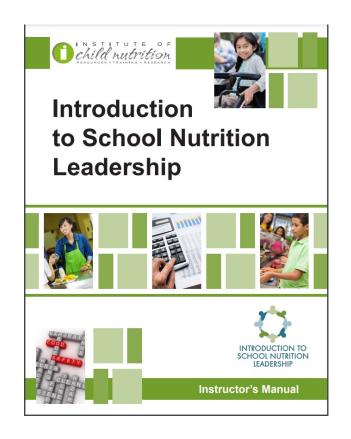
3600% increase since iLearn's launch in 2017

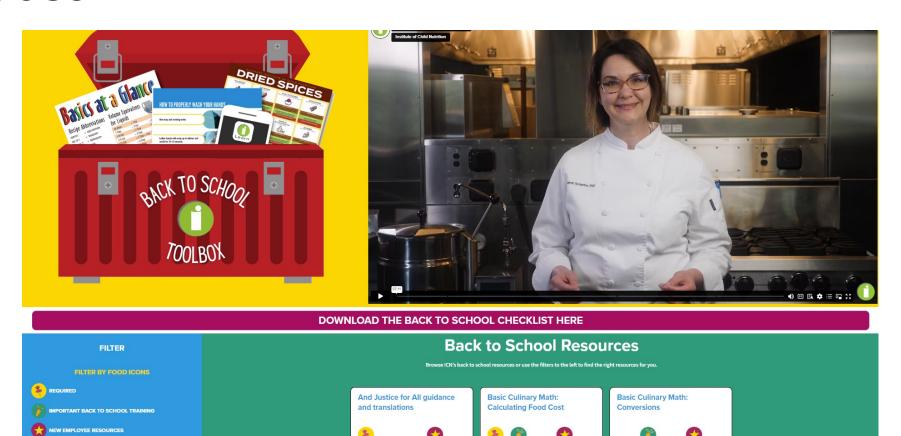
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NSLP Resources

BEST PRACTICES





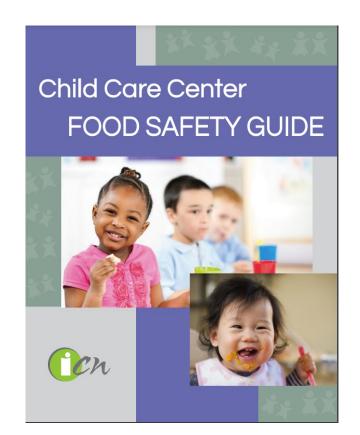
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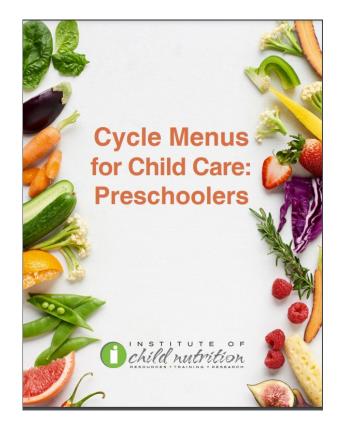




CACFP Resources

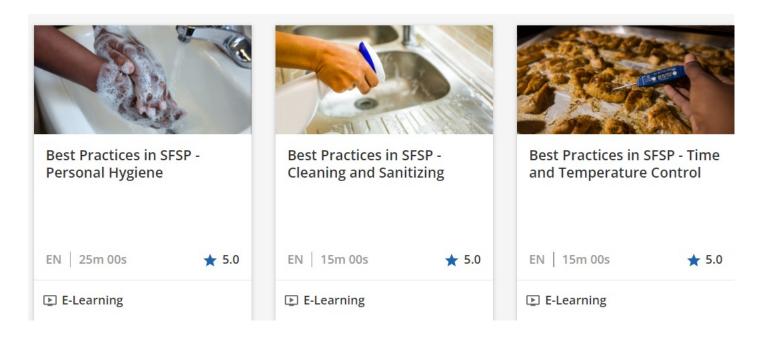








SFSP Resources



















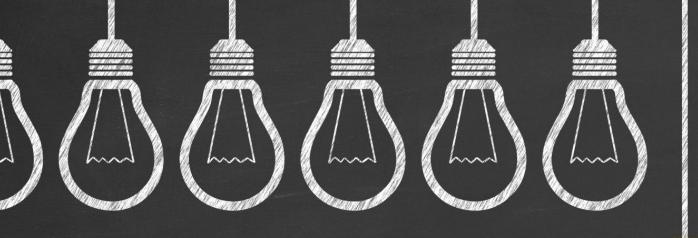
Additional Services

Strategic Planning

Leadership Training and Mentoring

Live Help Desk

NEW Regional Chef (Technical Assistance)



Child Nutrition
Sharing Site (CNSS)
Exploratory Task
Force Meeting

April 17, 2024

ICN is seeking your input to identify the strengths, weaknesses, and barriers of the CNSS submission process.

Connect with us at cnss@theicn.org.

Legacy Voices in Child Nutrition

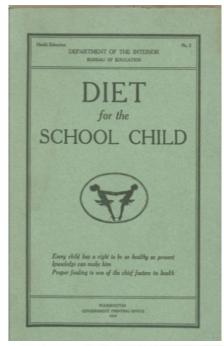
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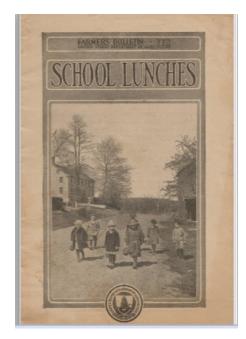
- Inspire future generations
- Leave a lasting legacy

How can you participate?

- Oral history interviews
- Donations













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