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### INTRODUCTION

The Institute for Child Nutrition (ICN) is a center established by Congress in 1989 to carry out activities to improve the operations and quality of child nutrition (CN) programs through research, education, and training. In an effort to meet the congressional mandate of the institution, the ICN partnered with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other allied organizations to pilot an initiative designed to meet the technical assistance needs of school food authorities (SFA). This initiative is called the Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshop. The overarching goal of this initiative is to provide the Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshops to SFAs across the United States.

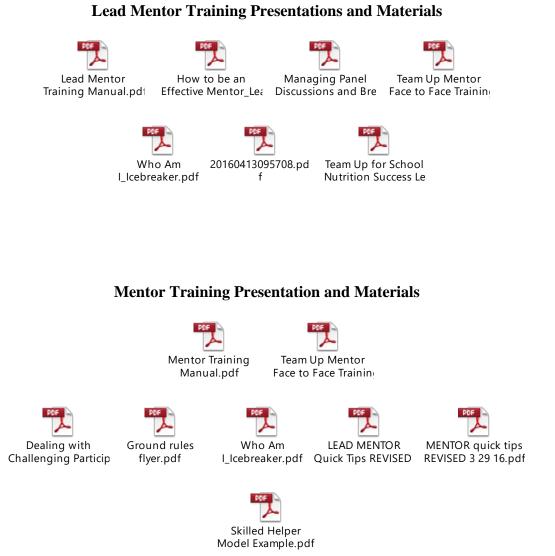
The Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshop was successfully piloted in November of 2014 with school nutrition (SN) directors representing each of the eight states in the USDA Southeast Region. As a result of the pilot, the workshop was presented to SN directors in all seven USDA regions in an effort to reach SFAs across the country. In 2016, the ICN, Applied Research Division (ARD) worked in conjunction with the ICN Education and Training Division, the ICN Administrative Division, and with the USDA to provide support to individual states that were implementing the Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshops.

The role of ICN, ARD in the expansion of Team Up for School Nutrition Success was multifaceted. Over a twelve-month period of time (from about January 2016 to December 2016), the ICN, ARD provided training and support for state agency personnel, lead mentors, mentors, and participants. First, the ICN, ARD provided support to state agencies by offering potential

lead mentors with an in-depth training on effective mentoring, group facilitation, and the problem management model used in Team Up for School Nutrition Success. This training was held at The University of Southern Mississippi, with 13 SN directors from the seven USDA regions. These individuals were trained to be lead mentors for the Team Up for School Nutrition Success state workshops. In doing so, ICN, ARD equipped individuals to conduct mentor trainings and facilitate Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshops, as needed. In addition to providing a lead mentor training, ICN, ARD also expanded the Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshop materials utilized in the regional Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshops, to accommodate the design of the state Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshops. These training materials were used to train individual SN directors who would function as lead mentors and mentors in the workshop. Moreover, the ICN, ARD staff were involved in the planning stages of the Team Up for School Nutrition Success state expansion workshops by participating in Team Up for School Nutrition Success planning conference calls with the USDA, state agencies, and ICN Team Up training coordinator, collectively and individually. These calls were designed to discuss logistics and program development for the workshops with state agencies, to encourage integrity in the workshop design, and consistency with the implementation of the workshop design from state to state.

This document provides all the deliverables associated with ICN, ARD's role in the Team Up for School Nutrition State Expansion. The PDF files are embedded within this document under the following sections: Lead Mentor Training Presentations and Materials, Mentor Training Presentation and Materials, Team Up for School Nutrition Success General Session Presentation, and Sign-in Sheets and/or Rosters.

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