

**USDA Child Nutrition Programs**  
*Commendations, Corrective Actions & Technical Assistance*

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**School Food Authority:** TransCenter for Youth/El Puente

**Agency Code:** 408718

**School(s) Reviewed:** 1631-TransCenter for Youth/El Puente

**Review Date(s):** January 22, 2019

**Review Team:** TCB Reviewer

**Date of Exit Conference:** 1/22/2019

**Corrective Actions Due Date:** 4/17/2019

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State agencies (SA) are required to conduct administrative reviews to assess School Food Authority (SFA)'s administration of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and other school nutrition programs. The objectives of the Administrative Reviews are to:

- Determine whether the SFA meets program regulations,
- Provide technical assistance,
- Secure needed corrective action,
- Assess fiscal action, and when applicable, recover improperly paid funds.

**General Program Reminders/Updates:**

- The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) School Nutrition Team (SNT) conducts School Nutrition Skills Development Courses (SNSDC) each summer in various locations around the state. Courses cover many areas of the school nutrition programs including administrative responsibilities, program basics, meal pattern requirements and menu planning, financial management, meal benefit determination process, professional standards, procurement, and many other topics. More information along with other upcoming trainings and webinars can be found on the Wisconsin DPI [School Nutrition Training](http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training) webpage (dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training).
- SFA staff are encouraged to pursue GOALS Certification. GOALS stands for Goal Oriented Achievement Learning Skills. This is a certificate endorsed by the DPI and is obtained by completing training in nutrition, program administration and operations, or communications and marketing. For more information go to the Wisconsin DPI [School Nutrition Training](http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training/goal-oriented-achievement-learning-skills) webpage (dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training/goal-oriented-achievement-learning-skills).
- The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a toolkit of resources to assist schools in meeting the nutrition standards on their [Healthier School Day: The School Day Just Got Healthier](http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday) webpage. The topics covered include Smart Snacks, offering fruits and vegetables, reducing sodium, and serving whole grain-rich products (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday>).
- [The Smarter Lunchrooms Movement](http://smarterlunchrooms.org) encourages schools to implement low-cost and no-cost lunchroom solutions to help students select healthier meal options (<http://smarterlunchrooms.org>). Smarter Lunchroom techniques are easy to begin implementing and help encourage student consumption of fruits, vegetables, legumes, non-flavored milk, and other healthful choices. These strategies are effective and research-based. Consider trying the Smarter Lunchroom techniques for increasing consumption of white milk.

**Appreciation/Commendations/Noteworthy Initiatives:**

Thank you to the staff at TransCenter for Youth/El Puente for the courtesies extended to us during the on-site review and for being available to answer questions and provide additional information. All were very receptive to recommendations and guidance. In addition, thank you for taking the time to respond to the off-site questions and requests, as well as pulling records for the on-site portion of the review.

The TCB review team appreciates the eagerness of the staff at TransCenter for Youth/El Puente for their willingness to make changes to meet school nutrition program regulations. The staff is concerned for the nutritional well-being of their students as evidenced through food safety, menu, service, local wellness, and overall responsiveness to recommendations made while on site. We were impressed at the overall cleanliness of the kitchen and the courteousness of staff toward students.

The TCB review team is confident that TransCenter for Youth/El Puente will continue to improve their knowledge and operation of child nutrition programs.

## Required Corrective Actions

Please review and reply to this Corrective Action Plan to identify procedures and/or documents needed to correct these issues.

**Finding #1:** *The correct non-discrimination statement was not included on all program materials. The SFA's Summer Feeding Program locations document did not have the required non-discrimination statement.*

**Required Corrective Action #1:** *Update program materials to include the correct non-discrimination statement. Upload into SNACS a copy of materials updated.*

**Finding #2:** *Current LWP does not include all of the required content: (specific goals, who is responsible for ensuring wellness policy implementation and assessment, how/when parents and the community will be notified). Overall, the basic structure of the policy is present, but needs to be more thorough.*

**Required Corrective Action #2:** *Submit a timeline for bringing the LWP into compliance and include the name(s) and title(s) of the SFA representative(s) that will ensure compliance. Upload this information to the shared Google folder.*

**Finding #3:** *The SFA did not notify the public about the LWP in accordance with 7 CFR 210.31.*

**Required Corrective Action #3:** *Upload into the shared Google folder a statement on how the public will be notified of the LWP, include the name(s) and title(s) of the SFA representative(s) that will ensure compliance.*

## Recommended Technical Assistance

Please review the following Technical Assistance; a response is not required. Internally, identify procedures and/or documents needed to work toward continuous improvement of the program. Please note, numbers below may not correspond directly to numbered findings above.

**Technical Assistance #1:** *USDA requires all SFAs to inform families of where their students can receive a free meal in the summer months. SFAs can inform families of summer meals via the following methods: •Promotion of the summer meals locator on the DPI Summer Meals webpage •Promotion of calling 211 to locate meals in the area •Promotion of the ability to text 'food' to 877-877 to locate meals in the area •Promotion of the USDA Summer Food website (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>)*

**Technical Assistance #2:** *The SFA must inform the public about the content, implementation of, and updates to the LWP on an annual basis. SFAs may use a variety of methods to notify the public about the LWP. This may include mailing flyers, newsletters, emails, website postings, newspaper articles. The SFA must retain documentation regarding the notification (7 CFR 210.31).*

The State Superintendent of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction shares a vision that every student will graduate prepared for college and career. Her goals are for students to have the knowledge, skills, and habits that will allow them to succeed in life after high school. Access to quality nutrition plays a major role in developing those life-long habits.

The School Nutrition Team believes that what school nutrition programs do every day plays a very important part in the success of every child being able to graduate. We all know that well-nourished children are ready to learn. Thank you for all you do to ensure student success.

For more information on this initiative, please visit the Wisconsin DPI Every Child a Graduate webpage ([dpi.wi.gov/statesupt/agenda-2017](http://dpi.wi.gov/statesupt/agenda-2017)).



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