

Child Nutrition

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Child Nutrition Teams



CULINARY CLASSROOM



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Federal State Waivers

- Maine has over 70 Federal waivers
- Meal time flexibility
- Non-congregate feeding
- Site eligibility flexibility
- Summer Program





Participation

- Spring 2020 1.3 million lunches Statewide monthly
- Summer, schools closed early June, lunches dropped 1.1 million for the summer
- Fall confusion all levels averaged 1 million
- Winter about 1 million lunches per month





How are they doing this

- Mobile routes
 - Vans, Buses
 - House to house, Neighborhoods
- Pickup locations
 - City hall, library
- At school
 - Hybrid
 - Onsite/off site



Training/Communication

- Child Nutrition provided:
 - WWW
 - weekly presentations, open office hours
 - Culinary webinars
 - Web page resources/library
 - Tips and hints menu and distribution





Community Involvement

- Working with other Departments
- Working with Hunger partners
- Supporting Maine economy with fish
 - 7300lbs to schools and centers to date
 - Restaurants
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Farmers





The Future







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