

Hawaii Child Nutrition Programs (HCNP) received a Team Nutrition (TN) standardized recipe grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). This past year local family recipes were solicited for the project utilizing four local ingredients:

- 'uala (local sweet potato)
- pala'ai (kabocha squash)
- Asian cabbages (bok choy and choy sum)
- local beef

Eleven recipes were selected for standardization and submission to the USDA national recipe database. These recipes are linked to another HCNP grant for Local Food in Schools (LFS). The LFS grant funds schools to purchase any of the four featured TN recipe ingredients to produce any of the Hawaii TN standardized recipes for their school meals. These two grants will assist schools to meet the 30% local food requirement from House Bill 767.

The objective of the two grants is to assist schools in serving healthier meals using fresh local ingredients, support local farmers/producers, build sustainability in the State and increase local products on the school meal plate as required by State legislation. The culinary training opportunity will allow those participants' schools to receive additional funding from the LFS grant to purchase local ingredients to prepare and serve the standardized recipes.

The TN standardized recipe grant incorporates a FREE two-day hands-on culinary training for one hundred twenty (120) cooks or managers at sites participating in a Child Nutrition Program, but does not provide wage compensation. This training provides basic culinary techniques to produce the local recipes selected for standardization by the grant. Training sessions are optional.

The first two-day culinary session was held during the Fall break to glowing reviews extolling the significance and value of the training. Five additional training sessions remain and are open for registration. Attendees must commit to attending the two-day session to receive Professional Standard Training hour credits and any financial reimbursement for neighbor island travel expenses. Sessions are open to all Oahu participants and there are 30 total spaces remaining for neighbor island participants. Neighbor island participants can receive reimbursement for their actual travel expenses including: airfare, hotel, parking and ground transportation up to \$700 (receipts are required for reimbursement).

The upcoming training session dates are as follows and will be held at Kapiolani Community College from 7 am to 4 pm.

- December 19-20, 2022: The last day to register for this class is December 12
- March 13-14, 2023
- March 16-17, 2023
- June 1-2, 2023
- June 16-17, 2023

The link to register for any of the upcoming courses is below:

<https://hirecipes.eventbrite.com>

Please contact HCNP for additional information or any questions regarding the culinary training sessions. Email: hcnp@k12.hi.us or call (808) 587-3600.

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