



## Nutrition and Wellness Programs Child Nutrition Programs E-mail Alert

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### **School Nutrition Programs: Food Handler Training**

#### **ISBE Food Handler Training**

On Aug. 27, 2013, the Food Handler Training Enforcement Act was signed into law. This law requires all food service area employees or food handlers that work with open/unpackaged foods, food service equipment or utensils, or any food contact surfaces to receive an approved food handler training.

This training requirement includes school food service staff. School food services and other child nutrition programs are classified as being “non-restaurant” facilities. Food handlers working in non-restaurant facilities must complete an approved training program by July 1, 2016. Additional information regarding the Food Handler Training Enforcement Act is available at [http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/fdd/FSSMC\\_FoodHandler\\_FAQ\\_V5\\_07072014.pdf](http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/fdd/FSSMC_FoodHandler_FAQ_V5_07072014.pdf).

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division has been approved by the IDPH to provide the training to school food service staff. Staff that complete the training and receive a passing grade on the required assessment will receive a certificate that is valid for 3 years. All trainings provided by the ISBE Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division will be free of charge to all school food service and other child nutrition program employees.

#### **Dates and Locations**

- June 9 – Kankakee
- June 10 – Joliet (Morning and Afternoon Sessions)
- June 16 – Tinley Park, [Illinois School Nutrition Association Annual Conference](#)

Register for the Kankakee and Joliet locations by visiting <http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnsalendar/asp/eventlist.asp>.

Additional dates and locations will be posted as they become available.