

## USDA Child Nutrition Reauthorization Listening Sessions:

Chicago, IL	FNS Midwest Regional Office GSA Conference Center Room 331 77 West Jackson Blvd. 20th Floor Chicago, IL 60604- 3507	Sept. 10, 2008 1 pm - 4 pm
	-- <a href="#">Agenda</a> -- <a href="#">Invitation Letter</a> -- <a href="#">RSVP Form</a>	
	For more information, call 312-353-1044	
Denver, CO	The Colorado History Museum 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203	Sept. 11, 2008 9 am - 1 pm
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	For more information, call 303-844-0300	

### Background Information:



The USDA is preparing for the 2009 Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Programs, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. The reauthorization process provides Congress with a regular opportunity to examine the operation and effectiveness of the Federal nutrition assistance programs, and consider making improvements to their statutory structure under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

USDA believes that public input and program assessment — including WIC, National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and Special Milk Program—are essential to help the Department plan for reauthorization. In anticipation of these discussions, USDA regional offices are organizing listening sessions to gather input that will help the Department better understand the needs and concerns of program cooperators and participants at the State and local levels,

including representatives from State agencies, local program offices, industry, and State and local advocacy groups. We encourage broad public participation.

For those unable to participate in a listening session, a notice of the [request for comments](#) was published in the Federal Register on May 20, 2008, with details on how to submit comments by postal mail or through a courier, no later than Oct. 15, 2008. You may also submit reauthorization comments electronically through [regulations.gov](#) or fax to 703-305-2879. Issues commenters may want to address regarding FNS Child Nutrition Programs may include, but not limited to, strengthening program management, improving nutrition services, ensuring access to program benefits, and advancing technology and innovation.