



# Federal Program Training of the Month: Child Nutrition – CEP Overview

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# What is CEP?



- Community Eligibility Provision
- Option for qualifying schools to serve free meals to all students
  - Reduces stigma around free meals
  - Helps families financially
  - Streamlines meal service
  - Reduces administrative work



# Who Qualifies?



- Schools and LEA's with a minimum Identified Student Percentage of 40% or higher
  - Identified Students = students certified for free meals without the use of an application (ex. SNAP)



# Resources



- SDE Website
  - Fact sheets
  - List of eligible schools and districts
  - Frequently asked questions
  - Important links
- USDA Website
  - Legislation information
  - Resource center

The screenshot shows the Idaho State Department of Education website. At the top left is the IDAHO logo with the text 'STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'. To the right are navigation links for 'Menu', 'Search', and 'Language'. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / Departments / CNP / SMP / Community Eligibility Provision'. The main content area has an orange banner with the title 'Community Eligibility Provision' and a background image of a person's hands holding a red tray with a sandwich, an apple, and vegetables. Below the banner is a paragraph explaining that CEP allows schools and local educational agencies (LEAs) to provide free breakfast and lunch to students in high poverty areas. It mentions that CEP determines eligibility from programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) instead of relying on household applications. Below the text is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Files', 'FAQs', 'Training', and 'Links'. The 'Files' tab is active, showing a section titled 'Resource Files' with three sub-sections: 'General Information' (listing 'Community Eligibility Provision Fact Sheet' and 'Department of Education CEP Guidance'), 'Eligible Districts and Schools' (listing 'SY22-23 Idaho CEP District Notification' and 'SY22-23 Idaho CEP School Notification'), and 'Guidance for Free and Reduced Determinations' (listing 'CEP Planning and Implementation Guidance'). On the right side of the page is a sidebar titled 'Child Nutrition Programs' with a list of links including 'Child and Adult Care Food Program', 'School Meal Programs', 'Community Eligibility Provision', 'Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program', 'Hiring & Training', 'Idaho School Nutrition Reference Guide', 'National School Lunch & Breakfast', 'School Wellness', 'Smart Snacks', 'Summer Food Service Program', and 'USDA Foods & Processing'. Below this is an 'Archives' section with links to 'Resource Center' and 'Nondiscrimination Statement'. At the bottom of the sidebar is a 'Contact Details' section listing 'Cambria Steffler, MS, RD'.

