



SNAAZ 70TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE



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25-26, 2026



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Welcome to the 70th Annual School Nutrition Association of Arizona State Conference

We are proud to announce our 70th Anniversary of our Annual State Conference joining school nutrition professionals and industry partners making a lasting difference in the lives of Arizona's students - one meal, one smile, and one success story at a time. This year's conference celebrates that remarkable legacy while preparing us for an even brighter future. So grab your baseball hat, lace up your cleats, and get ready to take the field because the biggest event of the year is officially here!

Whether you're a first-time attendee or a long-time SNAAZ veteran, you are an important member of team SNAAZ. Over the two-days of our conference you will experience inspiring speakers, innovative educational sessions, exciting exhibits, valuable networking opportunities, and practical ideas you can take back to your districts immediately.



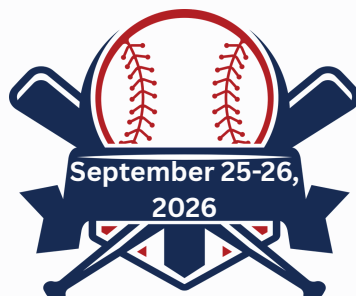
OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Please join us in welcoming nationally acclaimed motivational speaker and comedian ...
Charles Marshall

Charles is one of America's most entertaining and inspiring keynote speakers, combining laugh-out-loud comedy with practical strategies that motivate audiences to embrace change, improve performance, and enjoy the journey.

His comedy videos have been viewed by **millions** around the world, and for more than 20 years he has inspired organizations through his unique blend of humor, storytelling, and real-world wisdom.

As founder and president of **M Power Resources**, Charles has helped organizations and individuals unlock their potential through engaging presentations that educate while entertaining. He is the author of several popular books, including ***The Seven Powers of Success*** and ***I'm Not Crazy ... But I Might Be a Carrier***, and has produced two acclaimed comedy specials, **Fully Animated** and **I'm Just Sayin'!**





SCORE BIG WITH CHAMPIONSHIP EDUCATION

Discover innovative ideas, leadership strategies, and practical solutions you can immediately put into play within your child nutrition programs



BUILD YOUR ALL-STAR TEAM

Network with school nutrition professionals, industry partners, and leaders from across Arizona while sharing ideas and best practices.



SCOUT THE LATEST INNOVATIONS

Explore the Exhibit Hall featuring today's newest products, equipment, technology, and services designed to strengthen your operation.



KNOCK PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OUT OF THE PARK

Earn up to 12 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) while participating in engaging, interactive educational sessions which a whole track in Spanish all lead by industry experts.



DON'T STRIKE OUT ON YOUR HOTEL

Make sure you've secured your home base before time runs out!

SNAAZ has reserved a block of discounted guest rooms at:

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

340 N. 3rd Street

Phoenix, AZ. 85004

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE

(Thursday, September 3, 2026)

*After this deadline room rates are not guaranteed, and availability will be limited.

Our conference discounted rate is \$160 + tax (single/double)

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM](#)



Friday, September 25, 2026

REGISTRATION - 3:30 - 6:30 PM (PCC South LOBBY)

[3:30-5:00 PM] - PCC South

DIRECTOR/SUPERVISOR PRE-CON: “Navigating the Arizona Healthy School Act”

FUTURE LEADERS CLASS (Invite ONLY)

[6:00 - 9:30 PM] - PCC South

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT - Food/DJ/360 Photo Booth/Caricaturist/Networking

Saturday, September 26, 2026

WELLNESS WALK: 6:30 - 7:15 AM (Sheraton Phoenix Downtown LOBBY)

REGISTRATION: 7:00 - 10:00 AM (PCC South LOBBY)

POWER BREAKFAST: 7:15 - 8:15 AM (PCC SOUTH ROOMS 150-159)

OPENING GENERAL SESSION: 8:30 - 9:45 AM (PCC SOUTH ROOMS 150-159)

BREAK: 9:45 - 9:55 AM

EDUCATION BLOCK ONE: 9:55 - 10:50 AM

Director/Supervisor/Buyer = “Kitchen Sync Strategies Without the Guesswork”

Class 1 - “Como Manener Un Ambiente De Trabajo Positivo”

Class 2 - “Walking the Wellness Walk & Talking the Wellness Talk: Nutrition Education That Meets Our Students Where They're At”

Class 3 - “Best Practices For Handling Conflict Resolution in Child Nutrition”

Class 4 - “SNA Headquarters National Legislative Updates Class”

DIRECTOR/SUPERVISORS/BUYERS FOOD SHOW (ONLY): 11:05 AM - 1:05 PM

EDUCATION BLOCK TWO: 11:00 - 11:45AM

Class 1 - “Desenvolviendo La Ley De Escuelas Saludables De Arizona”

Class 2 - “The Serve Method: Creating Success w/ Extraordinary Customer Service”

Class 3 - “Panel CN Leaders - Best Practices for Kitchens & Beyond”

Class 4 - “Turning Training Into Practice”

Saturday, September 26, 2026

EDUCATION BLOCK THREE: 12:00- 12:45 PM

Class 1 - "Clase impartida por los Servicios Ambientales del Condado de Maricopa"

Class 2 - "Walking the Wellness Walk & Talking the Wellness Talk: Nutrition ED That Meets Our Students Where They're At"

Class 3 - "Turning Training Into Practice"

Class 4 - "Best Practices For Handling Conflict Resolution in Child Nutrition"

FOOD SHOW FOR ALL ATTENDEES: 1:05 - 2:45 PM

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Every school nutrition professional has the power to positively impact the health, education, and future of Arizona's students. Together, we'll celebrate our accomplishments, discover new ideas, strengthen our profession, and continue making a difference in the lives of the children we serve.

Thank you for being a part of this historic 70th Annual SNAAZ State Conference.

Together, we'll continue Hitting Hunger Out of the Park.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Tracy Price, SNAAZ State President
Natalie Tenney, SNAAZ State Conference Chair
Carol Weekly, SNAAZ State Exhibits Chair

