Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

§ 227.36 Requirements of needs assessment.

(a) The needs assessment is an ongoing process which identifies the discrepancies between “what should be” and “what is” and shall be applied to each category listed below to enable State agencies to determine their nutrition education and training needs for each year. The needs assessment shall identify the following as a minimum:

(1) Children, teachers, and food service personnel in need of nutrition education and training;
(2) Existing State or federally funded nutrition education and training programs including their:
   (i) Goals and objectives;
   (ii) Source and level of funding;
   (iii) Any available documentation of their relative success or failure; and
   (iv) Factors contributing to their success or failure;
(3) Offices or agencies at the State and local level designated to be responsible for nutrition education and training of teachers and school food service personnel;
(4) Any relevant State nutrition education mandates;
(5) Funding levels at the State and local level for preservice and inservice nutrition education and training of food service personnel and teachers;