

CT Environmental Health Association Annual Meeting Food Protection Program Update

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Updates:



- New FPP staff!
- Status of FDA Food Code
- Food Inspector Certification
- Standardization of FITOs
- Itinerant vendor reciprocal licensing
- Variances
- Ill food workers
- Enforcement



New FPP staff!



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Status of the FDA Food Code

A process started many years ago

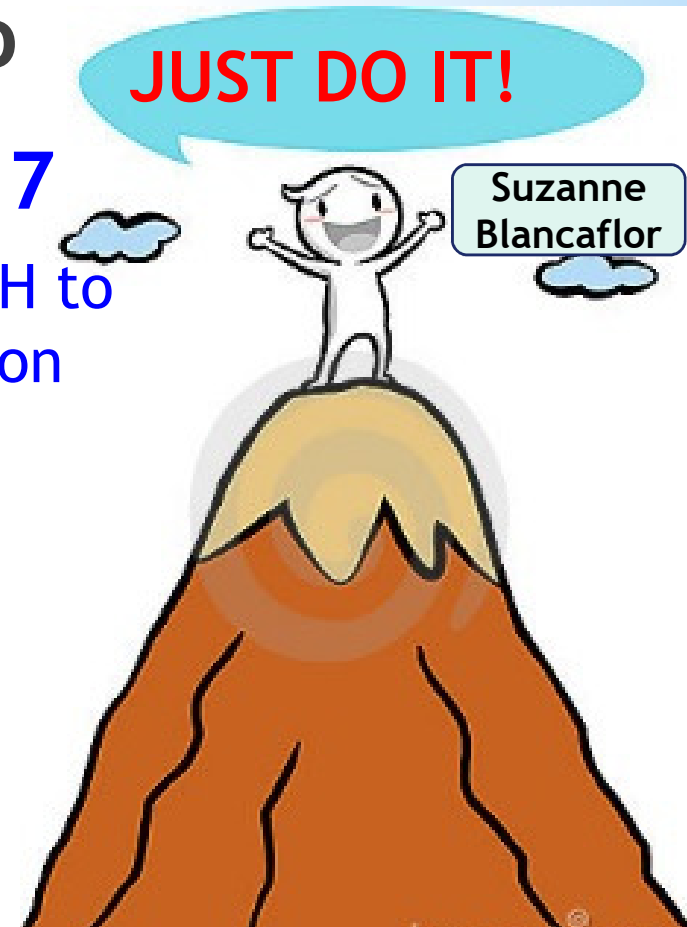
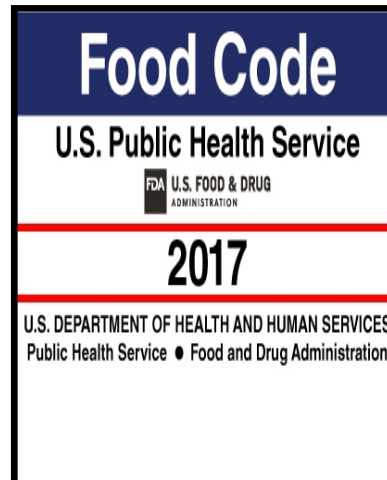
Public Act 17-93 Passed in June 2017

Included language for the Commissioner of DPH to adopt most current FDA Food Code as regulation by July 1, 2018

Then by January 1, 2019

Now by January 1, 2020

Next by...

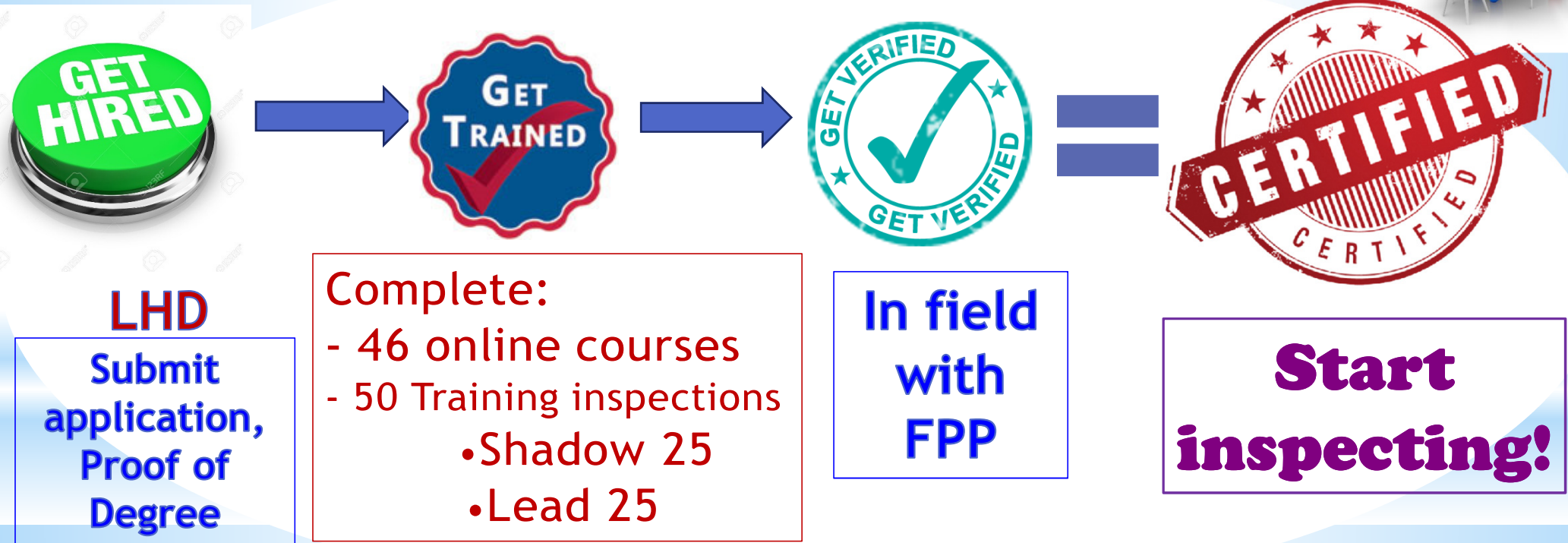


Status of FDA Food Code

- **226 CFIs have completed the FDA online courses**
- **Registration System - revised plan?**

Food Inspector Certification Process

New food inspector certification requirements



Standardization of FITOs/CFIs

- 21 FITOs standardized
- 11 FITOs pending
- 10 new CFIs trained under FITOs

Observations:

- *Need to reinforce purpose*
- *FITO's role and responsibilities*
- *Candidate readiness*

Itinerant vendor reciprocal licensing status





Variations



Acidification of sushi rice

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Illness Tracking

Food workers w. Reportable Diseases - 58 as of 10/29/19

Access to CTEDSS? If not, email dph.cteds@ct.gov

Vibrio cases:

- **Current - 18**
- **2018 - 5**
- **2017 - 3**
- **2016 - 8**
- **2015 - 8**
- **2014 - 2**
- **2013 - 18**



Reminder: Enforcement

- Violations properly cited
- Order properly served
- **Appeals**
 - Bring attorney and appropriate staff
 - Training on CT Train

2014 Enforcement Training on CT Train

<https://www.train.org/connecticut/course/1050422/>

The Food Protection Program's mission

... is to reduce the risk of foodborne disease by ensuring reasonable protection from contaminated food and improving the sanitary condition of food establishments. This is accomplished by enforcement of regulations, training and education, technical consultation, special investigations, and food safety promotion.

