

You're Invited!

We would love for you to join us on Monday, September 15th at the Soulcial Kitchen Campus in Swansea as we celebrate a truly historic milestone—our Department of Labor Food Truck Operator Apprenticeship, created right here at Soulcial Kitchen, is being officially adopted by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation!

This is not just another apprenticeship. It is the first and only mobile food truck operator apprenticeship program in the nation—a groundbreaking effort made possible through the leadership of St. Clair County, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department. Initial funding was generously provided by St. Clair County through an Illinois Apprenticeship Expansion Grant, and that seed has now grown into a movement.

Now, the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation is taking this local innovation and carrying it across the country. For the very first time, an apprenticeship born at the local level is being integrated into the Association's Educational Foundation national apprenticeship framework. That means what started here in St. Clair County will soon be shared from coast to coast, helping mobile food entrepreneurs everywhere launch, grow, and thrive.

Evening Schedule:

- 5:30 PM – Networking
- 6:00 PM – Welcome & Introductions
- 6:15 PM – Dinner
- 7:00 PM – Program

There is no cost to attend the dinner, and we cannot wait to share this exciting evening with you.

Please RSVP by 12 September to Becky Cowley at [bjcowley@madisoncountyil.gov](mailto:bjcowley@madisoncountyil.gov) or by calling 618-296-4445.

Together, let's celebrate this incredible achievement and the future it opens for food truck operators nationwide!



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