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Comment: Our state does a great job of providing us with our own Professional Standards tracking tool, and makes it easy for foodservice professionals to track training hours for their staff. Granted, school nutrition professionals are not required to use the tracking tool provided by the state, or even the USDA training tool, but they are helpful resources. Traditionally, I have just kept a spreadsheet for tracking training hours for my staff, but have transitioned over to our state provided tool to make it easier for our state agency consultant to prepare for reviews.

Response: Thank you for sharing your experience and insights. It is encouraging to hear that your state provides a dedicated Professional Standards tracking option and that you have found it helpful in managing and organizing staff training hours.

Sincerely,

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