

Improving Food Security for Youth in Community-Based Settings

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Today's Presentation

- CACFP Overview
- SFSP Overview
- Streamlining Programs
- Federal Partnerships
- USDA Resources
- What's New
- Questions





CHILD
& ADULT
CARE FOOD
PROGRAM



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What is the CACFP?

Federally funded, State-administered program that provides aid to:

- Child care centers/Preschools/Head Start Programs
- Family day care homes
- At-risk afterschool care centers*
- Adult day care centers
- Emergency shelters*
- Outside school hours care centers/programs*

Meals and snacks must meet nutrition standards to be reimbursable

- Congregate, supervised meal services
- Year-round (except afterschool care centers), nonresidential (except shelters)
- No cash benefits for households

CACFP: Key Players

States

- Sign agreements with sponsors
- Provide training and technical assistance to sponsors
- Monitor performance and distribute funding

Institution

- A sponsoring organization, or independent center (e.g., At-risk, OSHCC)
- Handle administration, finances, and training for sites
- Report to the state
- Get reimbursed for meals served at sites

Child care facilities

- Meal service location
- Feed and supervise children
- Provide activities

CACFP At-Risk: Key Facts

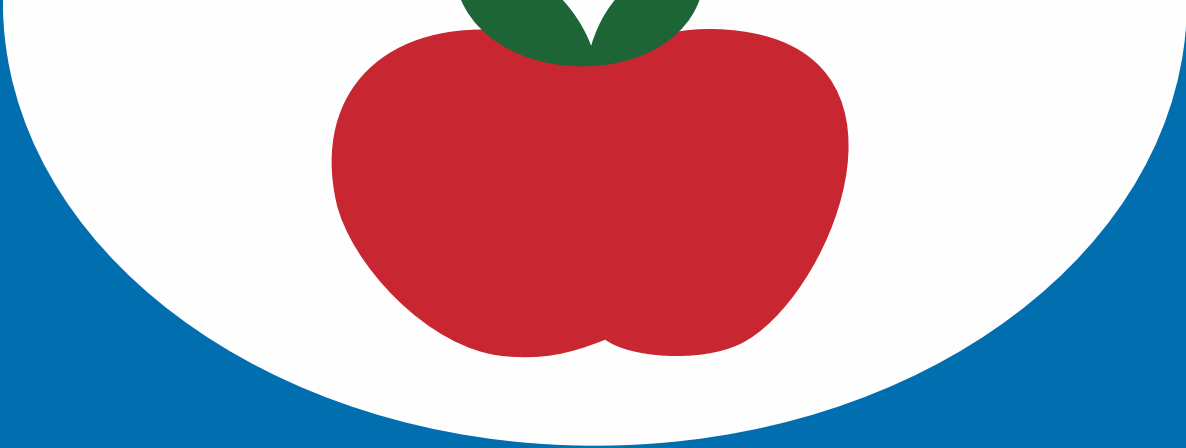
- Organized primarily **to care for children** after school or on weekends, holidays, or school vacations
- Sponsored by local governments or non-profits
- Serves children **up to age 18** and persons with disabilities of any age
- Eligibility limited to low-income school areas
 - >50% eligible for free or reduced-price meals
- Sponsors must provide **educational or enrichment activities** for participating children



CACFP Outside School Hours Care Centers (OSHCCs)

- Organized primarily **to care for children** before and/or after school
- Operates during the **school year only**
- Serves **children 12 years and under**, children of migrant workers 15 years and under, persons with disabilities of any age





SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM



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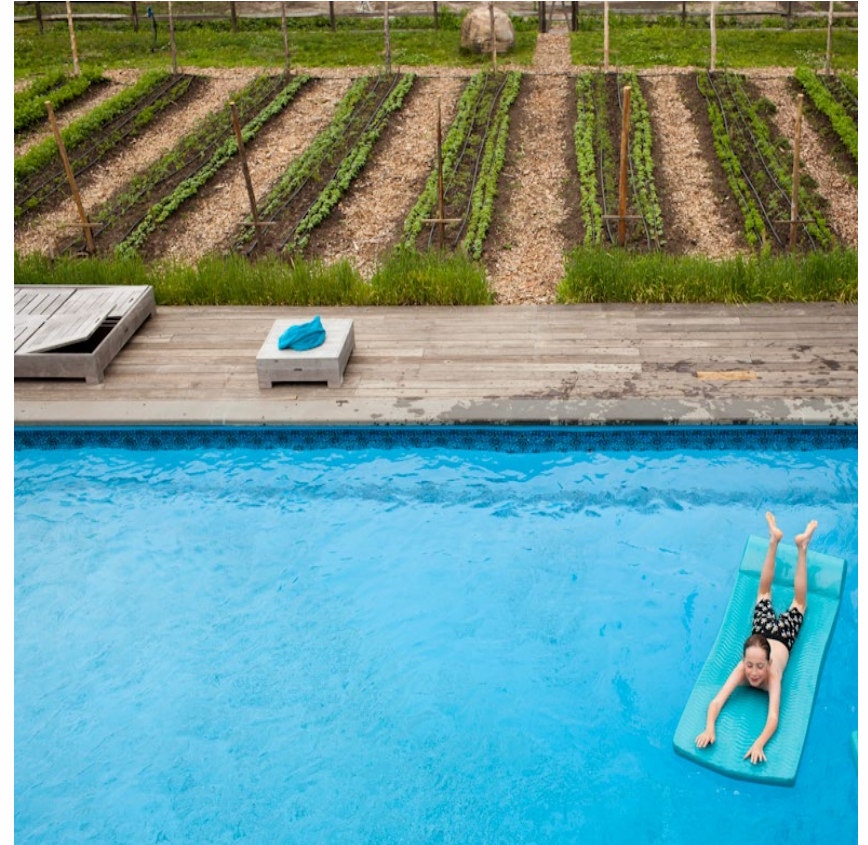
Summer Food Service Program

Serves meals:

- When school is **out for the summer**
- When schools close for **emergencies**
- **On-site**, in area eligible community settings

And...

- All meals and snacks are provided **free** to children (18 and younger)



SFSP Key Players

States

- Sign agreements with sponsors
- Provide training and technical assistance to sponsors
- Monitor performance and distribute funding

Sponsors

- Handle administration, finances, and training for sites
- Report to the State
- Get reimbursed for meals served at sites

Sites

- Meal Service Location
- Feed and supervise children
- Provide activities

Mobile Feeding Options



Mobile County's Super Food Express bus travels from nine to 12 schools to ensure their children are fed healthy meals when school is out of session.

Sponsors have the flexibility to serve children where they are if they do not have access to traditional sites.

Sponsors can deliver meals to an area using a route with a series of stops at approved sites in the community.



Encouraging Partnerships



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Benefits of Year-round Service

SFSP + CACFP At-risk = Year Round Service!

Organizational Benefits:

- Can hire **year-round staff**
- Additional financial stability
- Becomes a **stable** source of services

Community Benefits:

- Low-income children have **greater access** to meals throughout the year
- Brings more Federal funds into the local economy



Federal Partnerships

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

- Administration for Children and Families
 - Office of Head Start

Early Childhood Federal Partners Workgroup

- Programs for Children under the age of 5

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- Office of Public and Indian Housing



Federal Partnerships

So, what can you do to get involved?

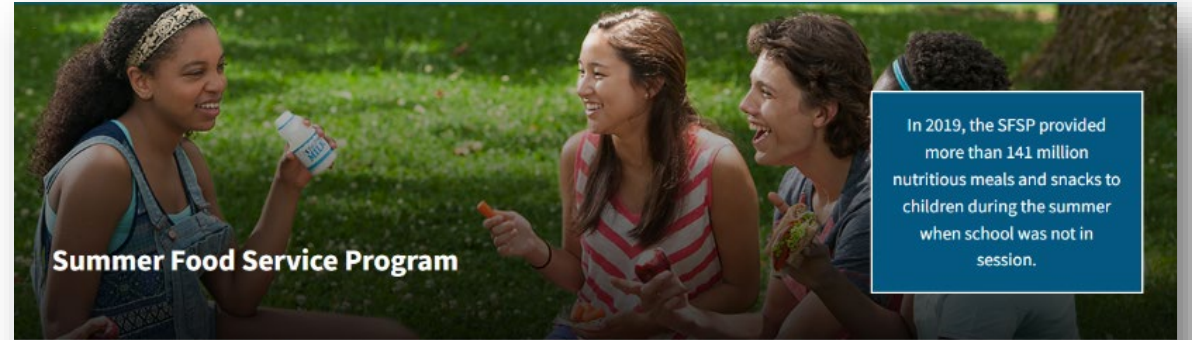
Ideas to consider:

- Seek out opportunities for **collaboration**
 - **Educate** participants of your programs about ours (and vice versa)
 - **Highlight** Child Nutrition Programs in grant applications and supplemental materials
- When developing regulations and policy, be sure to consider:
 - Potential **overlap** with other agencies, such as **shared goals** or **strategies**

A teacher with long dark hair, wearing a red jacket over a dark patterned top, is leaning over a wooden table. She is smiling and pointing at various fresh vegetables like carrots, broccoli, and bell peppers. Around the table, five diverse children are sitting, looking at the produce with interest. The classroom background includes a large window, colorful storage bins, and a poster on the wall titled "Train the Trainers" with images of food. The text "USDA Resources" is overlaid in white on the center of the image.

USDA Resources

USDA SFSP Webpage



Summer Food Service Program

In 2019, the SFSP provided more than 141 million nutritious meals and snacks to children during the summer when school was not in session.

PROGRAMS > SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Ensuring Children have Access to Nutritious Meals and Snacks When School is not in Session

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally-funded, state-administered program. SFSP reimburses program operators who serve free healthy meals and snacks to children and teens in low-income areas.

Program Fact Sheet



<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program>



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USDA CACFP Webpage



Child and Adult Care Food Program

Each day, more than 4.2 million children and 138,000 adults receive nutritious meals and snacks through the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

PROGRAMS > CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

Ensuring Children and Adults Have Access to Nutritious Meals and Snacks

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. CACFP also provides reimbursements for meals served to children and youth participating in afterschool care programs, children residing in emergency shelters, and adults over the age of 60 or living with a disability and enrolled in day care facilities. CACFP contributes to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children and adults in the United States.



<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp>



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What's New in Child Nutrition & the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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Pending Changes and Impact of Recent Legislation



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SNAP Updates

Benefit Changes

Thrifty Food Plan Reevaluation

- Maximum allotments increased by 21%,
- The SNAP **minimum benefit** increased \$3 per month—to \$20/month

Emergency Allotments

- Ended March 2023 ahead of the PHE
- Reduction of \$95 or more for all SNAP households

Public Health Emergency

- PHE ends May 11, 2023
- Pandemic era flexibilities and waivers will also end



New & Improved in Child Nutrition

Upcoming Rulemaking:

- Non-congregate Meal Service Option in Rural Areas
- Permanent Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program (coming Summer 2024!)
- Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs)
- Community Eligibility Provision – Increasing Options for Schools



Thank you!

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