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• Free Promotional Materials Available for Summer Meals Sponsors •



The following new Team Nutrition print materials are available for SFSP sponsors:

- Summer Food, Summer Moves a new kit that includes over 30 games and educational activities to do at your summer meal site. (Order limit: One kit per order)
- Take a Healthy Summer Break Infographic includes illustrations and statistics and offers practical solutions for busy families to make healthier food, beverage, and physical activity choices over the summer. (Order limit: 12 packs of 25 per order)
- This Summer, Eat Smart to Play Hard Parent's Guide – the guide encourages families to choose water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages, choose more fruits and vegetables, increase physical activity, and decrease screen time. (Order limit: 12 packs of 25 per order)

Additional printed materials for summer meals programs will be available in the coming weeks. To access and order these materials, visit this <u>link</u> and select "Afterschool and Summer."

To inquire about bulk orders, email teamnutrition@fns.usda.gov.

Summer Meals Reminders! •

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring children across the state have access to healthy meals this summer. As the summer continues, remember the following:

- Sponsors can add sites that are eligible for participation in the program throughout the summer. Consider underserved areas in your community and in surrounding counties.
- As we enter the second half of summer, continue to promote the program to keep participation up. Historically, participation slips in July. To combat this, consider special events, provide information to the media, etc. Keep the excitement of the availability of summer meals going!
 - Consider social media campaigns
 - Hand out flyers in neighborhoods you serve
 - Add additional programming components to your meal service
- As a sponsor, you can serve meals up to the day before school begins in the district you are serving. We encourage you to make summer meals available as long as you can.

Your dedication to the children across the state is appreciated. Keep going strong through the end of the summer!

• SFSP to CACFP Transition Training Info Sessions •

Nutrition Services is conducting training for SFSP sponsors interested in transitioning to the CACFP to continue serving meals year-round through the At-Risk Afterschool Program. The training will cover general CACFP requirements and the Child Care Services (CCS) process for obtaining a license or an exemption from licensure.

The following two web-based trainings are scheduled for interested sponsors:

- Thursday, August 11, 2016 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, September 15, 2016 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Interested institutions will be able to register themselves for these webinars using the link provided in the upcoming training announcement.

• Recognizing Georgia Food Bank Association (GFBA) Recipients •

Nutrition Services congratulates the following organizations for receiving the 2016 GFBA Capital and Community Investment Grant. These organizations are expected to use the grant funds for capital investments to expand their summer programs, to extend program services into unserved/underserved areas, and to build the overall capacity of their organizations. Organizations were awarded \$3,000-\$10,000 grants.

Congratulations!

Abundant Word of Grace Church	City of Atlanta	John W. Williams Corporation
Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta	Food Bank of Northeast Georgia	Our Daily Bread, Inc.
Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Georgia	Georgia Educational Resources, Inc.	Reconstructing Youth Foundation
Bread of Life Deliverance Ministries (BOLD)	Georgia Nutritional Services	Rock of Salvation
Burke County Schools	Hope Diamond Services	University of North Georgia

• Recently Released Policy Guidance and Memoranda •

The following policy guidance and memoranda have been issued for sponsors participating in the SFSP:

- Policy Memorandum, Updated Guidance <u>Contracting with Food Service Management Companies</u>: This memorandum provides updated guidance for School Food Authorities (SFAs) and includes responsibilities and considerations when using a Food Service Management Service Company (FSMC).
- Policy Memorandum <u>State Agency Prior Approval Process for School Food Authority (SFA) Equipment</u> <u>Purchases</u>: This memorandum provides new regulation citations for the cost principles related to the purchase of equipment.
- Policy Memorandum <u>The Use of Share Tables in Child Nutrition Programs</u>: This memorandum provides a reminder of the opportunities presented by share tables, extends the use of share tables to the At-Risk Afterschool Component of the CACFP, and gives an overview of the food safety requirements Child Nutrition Program (CNP) operators must follow when choosing to include share tables in their meal service.
- Policy Memorandum <u>Reporting and Allocating Program Costs Associated with SFSP Sponsors Serving</u> <u>as Food Vendors and/or FSMC to Other SFSP Sponsors</u>: This memorandum provides additional budget allocation guidance to SFSP sponsors who also serve as vendors or Food Service Management Companies (FSMC) to other SFSP sponsors or non-SFSP entities.

All SFSP policies and policy memoranda information is available on DECAL's website here and here.