

**Bright from the Start:
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**

Nutrition Services

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SUBJECT: Termination of Sponsors from the Summer Food Service Program

LEGAL AUTHORITY: 7 C.F.R. § 225.6(b)(9); 7 C.F.R. § 225.11(c); USDA Policy Memorandum 226.22-06; NSLA 42, U.S.C. 1769(f); O.C.G.A. § 20-1A-5

Cross Reference/See Also:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to discuss sponsors who have been terminated from participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

II. APPLIES TO

This policy applies to all sponsors participating in the SFSP.

III. DEFINITION(S)

"Sponsor" means a public or private nonprofit school food authority, a public or private nonprofit residential summer camp, a unit of local, municipal, county or State government, a public or private nonprofit college or university currently participating in the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), or a private nonprofit organization which develops a special summer or other school vacation program providing food service similar to that made available to children during the school year under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and which is approved to participate in the Program.

"DECAL" - means Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

IV. POLICY

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) requires that all sponsors participating in the SFSP operate in compliance with federal regulations and DECAL policies. DECAL has the authority and responsibility to ensure that sponsors who are seriously deficient do not continue to participate in the SFSP and/or the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Federal regulations require DECAL to terminate the program agreement with

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any sponsor which is determined to be seriously deficient after that sponsor has been given a reasonable opportunity to correct any problems or deficiencies found through audits or reviews conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), DECAL, and/or its agents. Termination means that the sponsor is no longer eligible for participation in the SFSP and/or the CACFP. Termination prohibits an institution or individual from contracting to provide goods or services in conjunction with the participation of another institution or individual in the SFSP and/or CACFP.

In order to protect public interest and the integrity of SFSP funds, SFSP sponsors are prohibited from contracting with an institution or individual that has been denied participation, found to be seriously deficient, and/or has been terminated from participation in the SFSP, CACFP, or any other publicly-funded program.

V. PROCEDURE(S)

New or current SFSP sponsors who want to contract with an outside institution or individual for goods or services should contact DECAL to ensure that the institution or individual has not been found to be seriously deficient and terminated from participation in the SFSP and/or the CACFP. In accordance with USDA policies, SFSP sponsors may not contract their sponsor management responsibilities with any institution or individual at any time.

DECAL will notify USDA if a sponsor is found to be seriously deficient and is debarred or suspended from participation in the SFSP and/or the CACFP. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will maintain a list of all those individuals and will notify all other state agencies of these individuals' ineligibility to participate in the program. FNS may determine independently that a sponsor has been seriously deficient in its operation of the program and include that individual on the list as ineligible to participate in the SFSP and/or the CACFP if the appropriate corrective action is not taken. DECAL will maintain a list, based upon information received from USDA, of those individuals that have been determined to be seriously deficient. Any individual that has been found to be seriously deficient and is terminated from the SFSP and/or the CACFP has the right to request an administrative review of the termination and appeal this action. (See Appeal Procedures)

VI. COMMENT(S)

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Policy Coordinator at (404) 651-7181.