



MEDIA ADVISORY

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The City of Atlanta is partnering with the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to promote the availability of summer meals at a spike event.

During the event, children and teens will receive free nutritious meals through Happy Helpings, Georgia's Summer Food Service Program; a program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In addition to the nutritious meals, the event will include physical activities like hop scotch, egg toss, bean bag toss and jump rope. They will also have the opportunity to taste test local fruits and vegetables and to stay hydrated with a range of fruit and/or vegetable infused water.

Last summer, 2.8 million nutritious meals were served in 100 counties through Happy Helpings, Georgia's Summer Food Service Program.

What: Happy Helpings, Georgia's Summer Food Service Program Spike Event

Who: Sakeenah Shabazz, MPP, Senior Policy Advisor for the Food and Nutrition Service with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA); Tamika Boone, Director of Nutrition Services for GA DECAL; Representatives from the City of Atlanta

When: Friday, July 12, 2024. Event starts at 11:00 a.m.; Meal Service: Noon-1:30 p.m.

Where: C.T. Martin Natatorium & Recreation Center located at 3201 M.L. King Drive, SW, Atlanta 30311. Look for the Happy Helpings directional signs.

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