



What is the Summer Food Service Program?

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally-funded, state-administered program that provides reimbursement to providers who serve healthy meals to children and teens in low-income areas at no charge primarily during the summer months when school is not in session. The SFSP is targeted to low-income areas where 50 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Who does the Program serve?

The SFSP serves children and teens age 18 and younger. Meals and snacks are also available to persons with disabilities, over age 18, who participate in school programs for people who are mentally or physically disabled.

Why is the Program important?

Children need healthy food all year long. During the school year, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves more than 21 million low-income children free or reduced-price meals each day. However, only about 2.3 million of those children receive meals through the SFSP. When school lets out many of these children are at risk of hunger. Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks to the learning process. Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again and make children more prone to illness and other health issues. The SFSP is designed to fill that nutrition gap and make sure children get the nutritious meals they need. All meals are served free, but despite vigorous outreach efforts at the federal and state levels, the program is greatly underutilized.

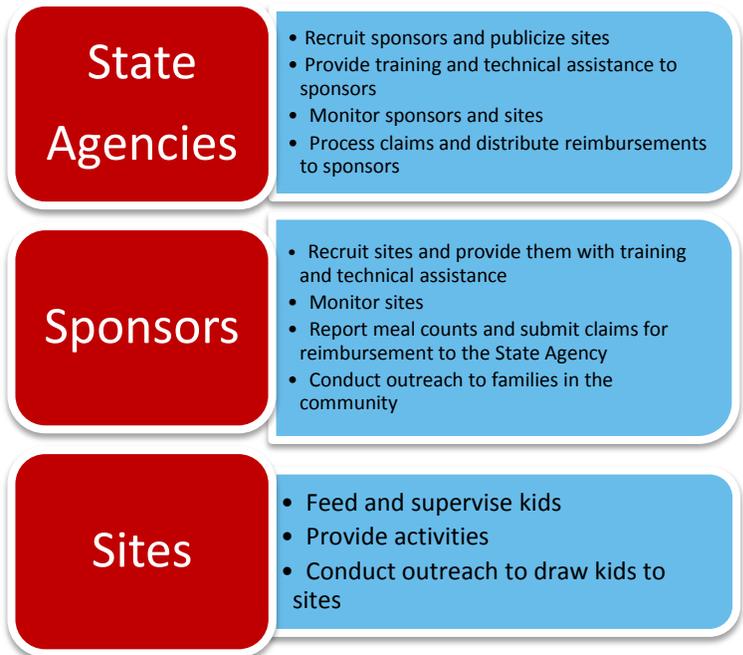
How does it work?

There are three main entities involved: State agencies, sponsors, and sites.

State agencies administer the program and communicate with USDA.

Sponsors run the program and communicate with the State agency. Schools, local government agencies, camps, faith-based and other non-profit community organizations that have the ability to manage a food service program may be SFSP sponsors.

Sites are places in the community where children receive meals in a safe and supervised environment. Sites may be located in a variety of settings, including schools, parks, community centers, churches, and migrant centers. Sites work directly with sponsors.



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The Seamless Summer Option – An Opportunity for Schools

Although the SFSP is available to schools, the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) is a streamlined approach to feeding hungry children in the community. To operate the SSO, School Food Authorities (SFAs) apply to operate the SSO through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP). SFAs continue the same meal service rules and claiming procedures used during the regular school year.

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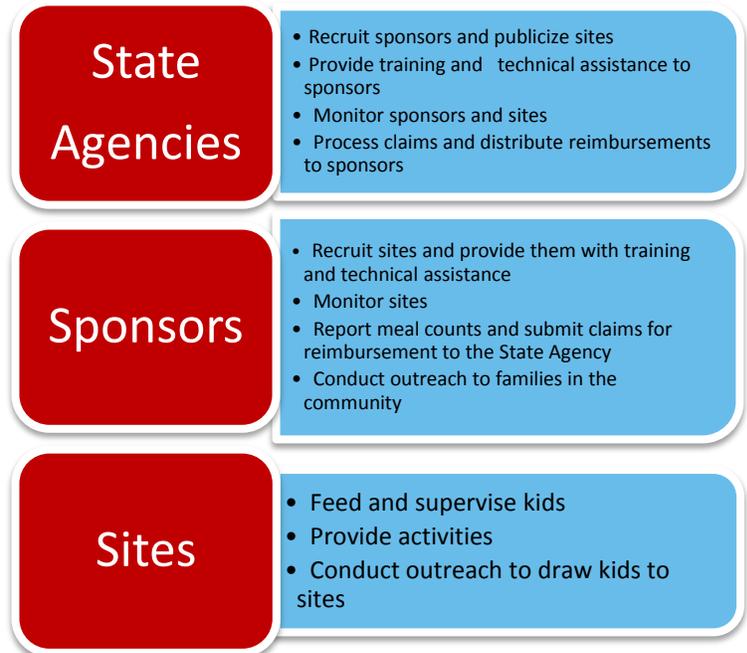
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Why isn't the program reaching more children?

- There simply aren't enough willing sponsors and feeding sites in many communities.
- Transportation can also be a barrier to reaching children, especially in rural areas.



How many meals do participants receive each day?

At most sites, children receive either one or two reimbursable meals each day. Camps and sites that primarily serve migrant children may be approved to serve up to three meals to each child, each day. This is applicable to the SFSP and the SSO.

How much reimbursement does the government provide?

SFSP reimbursements are now based on the number of reimbursable meals served multiplied by the combined operating and administrative rate for that meal. For the summer of 2014, the maximum reimbursement rate per meal in most States is:

Self-Preparation-Rural Sites
Breakfast: \$2.0225
Lunch/Supper: \$3.545
Snack: \$.84

Other Types of Sites (Vended-Urban)
Breakfast: \$1.985
Lunch/Supper: \$3.4875
Snack: \$.8225

All eligible meals provided under **SSO** are reimbursed at the NSLP/SBP applicable free rates for the school year beginning July 1 of the prior calendar year.



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USDA Summer Feeding Programs



Where is my closest Summer Food Program Site?

Call the National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE. Or visit www.whyhunger.org/findfood to find a meal site near you.

To apply as a Summer Food Program sponsor or to find out how to be a serving site under an existing sponsor, please contact:

- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FL DACS) – (800) 504-6609 or (850) 617-7400
- [Summer Food Service Program](#) and [Seamless Summer Option](#)

Food That's in When School is Out!



Many children and teens are at-risk of going hungry during the summer. The Summer Food Service Program provides meals while school is out. Help make sure families know about the program!

Visit: www.summerfood.usda.gov for more information!

Free meals for kids and teens 18 and under.



Introducing the Summer BreakSpot, offering free nutritious meals to kids & teens 18 and under all summer long.

Each supervised location offers nutritious meals – breakfast, lunch, or snacks – in a safe environment.

To find a location near you:
 Visit: SummerFoodFlorida.org
 Dial: 2-1-1
 Text: "FoodFL" to 877-877
 Mobile App: "Nutrislice" in iOS & Android



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SUMMER BREAK SPOT
 FRIENDS FOOD FREE ALL SUMMER LONG

Free nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks served daily.

Walk-ins welcome – no registration needed!



Comida Gratis Para Niños Y Adolescentes Durante Todo El Verano



Presentando el "BreakSpot" del Verano, que ofrece comidas nutritivas gratuitas a niños y adolescentes de 18 años o menos.

Cada localidad está supervisada y ofrece comidas saludables — desayuno, almuerzo, y meriendas — en un ambiente sano.

Para encontrar un local cerca de su casa:
 Visite www.alimentosveranoFlorida.org
 Marque 2-1-1
 Envíe mensaje de texto "FoodFL" al 877-877
 Mobile App: "Nutrislice" en iOS & Android



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