



Child Nutrition & Wellness

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Summer Food Service Program, What's New*

2019 Summer Food Service Program Numbers

To date, Kansas Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors have served over 1,462,000 meals! Watch for the final number served in the November Update!

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reimbursement Claim Submission Deadline

- August claim by 10/29/19

USDA Guidance

Fiscal Year 2020 CACFP & SFSP Area Eligibility Data Now Available!

At the start of every fiscal year, USDA releases a special tabulation of data provided by the Census Bureau for CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) and SFSP that establishes area eligibility in the CACFP and SFSP. These data are effective as of Oct. 1, 2019. The USDA mapping tools have also been updated to reflect the new data. To see the map, click this [link](#). The entire data set is available for download on FNS's [open data site](#). To learn more about using census data for establishing area eligibility for CACFP and SFSP Area Eligibility using Census Data, please see USDA [policy memorandum](#). Please note that the map works best when opened in the following browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.

USDA Resources for Serving High Quality SFSP Meals – Start Planning for SFSP 2020!

As you look toward summer 2020, there are an abundance of resources available to sponsors to help make summer meals more appetizing, appealing, and nutritious:

- [Nutrition Guide](#) includes best practices and tips for serving high quality meals and incorporating local foods, as well as sample cycle menus;
- [Team Nutrition Resource Library](#) has free nutrition education materials to help reinforce and complement the nutrition messages taught by serving healthful foods;
- [Farm to Summer website](#) has an abundance of ideas for “bringing the farm” to summer sites, using local foods to improve meal quality, and keeping kids engaged with hands-on activities; and
- [Summer Meals Toolkit](#) offers healthy menu planning ideas and tips for serving meals family style.

Summer Food Service Program Makes a Difference and It Shows

Even with school back in session, it is never too late to consider how kids are able to access healthy and nutritious meals during the summer months. New materials produced by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service Office of Policy Support show the significance of feeding children when school is out of session. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service completed its study of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and posted a fact sheet that provides a number of insightful facts about SFSP activity.

Did you know...

- The largest group of SFSP sponsors are School Food Authorities (SFAs) followed by Non-Profit organizations. **SFAs comprise 45 percent** of SFSP operators while another **39 percent are Non-Profits**.
- Sponsors of SFSP manage, on average, **seven feeding sites**.
- There is still room for growth with **one out of every five SFSP sites served only lunch**. More expansion can be done in breakfast or snack service for children during the summer months.

You can find these facts, and more about SFSP characteristics, online [here](#).

365 Days of Service with Child Nutrition Programs

SFSP Sponsors are well-positioned to offer afterschool meals during the school year through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Both organizations and communities benefit when meals are offered to children in low-income communities year-round. Organizations benefit from having the ability to hire year-round staff, a continuous flow of reimbursements providing additional financial stability, and recognition in the community as a stable source of services. Communities benefit by having a partner that provides year-round nutrition services for children and brings increased Federal funds into the local economy.

Child Nutrition Programs make it possible to serve meals any and every day of the year. It's just a matter of choosing the right program based on your organization, the type of day, and the meals you want to offer. Contact Jill Ladd at jladd@ksde.org or Laura Hodgson at lhodgson@ksde.org for more information.

As we approach Thanksgiving it is the perfect time to express sincere appreciation for all each of you do to nourish Kansas children and contribute to their lifelong success!

Cheryl, Jill and Julie