



Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Information for Potential New Sites

Information about the Federal Summer Food Service Program:

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federal nutrition program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in partnership with the NYS Department of Education and Regional Food Bank. The goal of the program is provide healthy meals to hungry children over the summer, when kids don't have access to free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches at school. Summer is traditionally a vulnerable time of year for food-insecure children and their families, and SFSP is a way to help fill in the gap.

The Food Bank's SFSP program provides **free** meals for children age 18 and under who are located in areas where the free and reduced lunch rate is over 50%.

How does my organization fit in to the SFSP Program?

The Regional Food Bank is one of many SFSP sponsors in New York State. We partner with sites that will distribute lunches to children in need. If you are in an eligible location, provide programming for children (summer camp, arts and crafts, games, etc.), have space and adult supervision to serve meals to children, your site would be a great potential program site! **There is no cost to sites to participate in SFSP.**

The Regional Food Bank provides all-inclusive support to SFSP sites throughout the summer. During the summer, we provide direct delivery of meals to sites, daily communication for questions and concerns, and handle all administrative oversight of SFSP.

Sites are responsible for distributing meals to children as trained and providing adult supervision during meal times.

Information about Regional Food Bank's SFSP Program:

- The Regional Food Bank has been administering SFSP for 9 years.
- The Regional Food Bank provides a free, comprehensive training for sites prior to the start of the program to get them ready for SFSP.
- Paperwork for the program is very minimal. Every day, sites are required to document the number of meals served to children, which takes about 10 minutes to complete. The Food Bank provides all necessary paperwork.
- Sites can choose to be either open or enrolled. Open sites are open to all children under 18 in the community. Enrolled sites serve a specific population of children, such as a summer camp.
- Lunches include a protein option, a grain, two servings of fruits/vegetables, and a carton of chocolate milk. Examples of meals are shown below:



- All food provided by the Food Bank is shelf-stable. Refrigeration is not required to store the meals or the milk.
- All meals are peanut-free.

If you or your organization is interested in partnering with the Food Bank or have questions about SFSP, please contact Betsy Dickson, Director of Children's Programs at

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