



TO: School Nutrition Program Sponsors
FROM: Dianne Dabulis, RD, MPA, LDN
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RE: Summer Meals Outreach and Locator

MESSAGE:

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires all School Food Authorities (SFAs) to inform families about the availability and location of free meals for students over the summer months through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). This is required even if the SFA is not participating in the Summer Meals Program.

The Local Education Agency (LEA) may fulfill the requirement of notifying the community of locations of summer meal sites, through the methods listed below. This may be accomplished through postings on the School's website, flyers, phone calls, or other methods that inform the community of summer feeding availability. A publication template is attached.

Schools or families can use any of the following methods to locate sites that serve free meals to children during the summer:

- **Call:** 211 or 1.866.3HUNGRY or 1.877.8HAMBRE
- **Text:** "FOOD" or "COMIDA" to 877877
- **Download:** RangeAPP.org mobile app
- **Visit:** fns.usda.gov/summerfood rocks

The Division of Food and Nutrition encourages all SFAs to consider offering Summer Meals. Many times schools may qualify to offer meals through the SFSP or SSO and not realize it.

For additional information about the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), please contact Mary Ringenberg at RA-SFSP@pa.gov or for information on the Seamless Summer Option, please contact Pam Heimbach at pheimbach@pa.gov.

Attachment

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Free Meals for Children in the Summer

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) offers free, nutritious meals to children 18 years and younger during the summer when school is not in session.

SFSP is a federal child nutrition program. There are approximately 2500 locations throughout Pennsylvania that serve breakfast, lunch and /or snacks. Many of the locations provide activities as well.

How to find a SFSP location near you:

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