

Serving Children Year-Round:

Afterschool Meals 101 for Summer Meal Sponsors



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Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Benefits to Sponsoring Year-Round Meal Programs
- Program Differences and Similarities
- Advice from the Field
- Q&A

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Poll Question #1

What role do you currently play in the summer and afterschool meal programs?

- a. Sponsor or site of one or both meal programs
- b. Potential sponsor or site of one or both meal programs
- c. Administrator (state or federal) of one or both meal programs
- d. Advocate for one or both meal programs
- e. Other

National Summer Meals Sponsor Survey

- In 2013 FRAC + Share Our Strength developed sponsor survey on:
 - Current experience
 - Challenges and opportunities
 - Future plans/possibilities
- Input from USDA, State Agencies, Partner Organizations
- Piloted with Arkansas and Virginia
- Launched nationally in February 2014
- Widespread promotion
 - Partner organizations
 - USDA
 - State Agencies

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About Survey Respondents

- 2, 294 completed responses
- Responses from all states (highest number of respondents: Texas, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan)
- Mix of sponsors:
 - 56% Schools; 23% Nonprofit; 6% Camp; 6% Local Government; 8% Other (churches, nonprofits, etc.)
- Range of experience in the program (37% at 10+ years, 8% new)
- Most use SFSP (26% of schools use SSO)
- Most have five or fewer sites (71%)
- **28% also serve afterschool meals through CACFP**

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Sponsoring Summer and Afterschool Meals

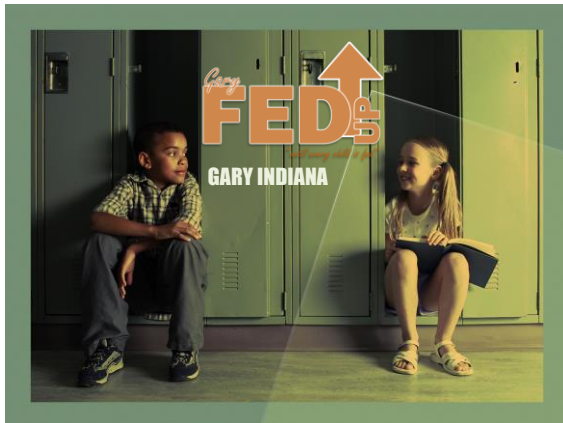
- Sponsors of both programs tend to...
 - Have a greater number of sites
 - Have grown their number of sites the previous year
 - Serve 40+ days during the summer
 - Plan to return to the program
 - Increase the number of sites in the coming year
 - Report minor challenges across the board
- By serving year-round meals, sponsors can...
 - Serve the same families
 - Maintain their staff
 - Strengthen their relationship with their vendor

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CHAMPS Initiative

- To build the capacity of municipalities to raise awareness of and increase participation in the federal Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs through the [Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meals](#) (CHAMPS) Initiative
- With support from the Walmart Foundation since 2012, NLC and FRAC have provided grants and technical assistance to 26 cities to help to expand participation in these meal programs
- NLC will select 6-8 cities for grant awards of up to \$50,000 through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process based on cities' commitment to launching or expanding local summer and afterschool meal programs
- Contact Jamie Nash nash@nlc.org or 202-626-3160

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Where are children receiving summer meals?

Sponsor	Sites	% of sites in Gary
Gary Youth Services	30	48%
Gary Community schools	8	13%
God's Grace Ministries	7	11%
My Sisters and Me Ministries	6	10%
2nd Harvest	5	8%
Gary Lighthouse Charter	2	3%
Edison Learning Center	1	2%
Jerusalem Church	1	2%
YWCA	1	2%
Charter School of the Dunes	1	2%
Clark Road Genesis	1	2%

Where are children receiving afterschool meals?

– After School 2014 - 2015

- Glen Ryan Park
- Ironwood Park
- Brunswick Park
- Washington Park
- Pitman Square Park
- Café 839
- Roosevelt High School
- Academically Speaking
- Selah Academy
- Academy of Academic Excellence
- The Rock Church
- Gary Housing Authority (4 Sites)

– YSB HD Party Bus

- Oak Knoll



17 Sites total
8 sites away from CHAMPS goals

Who are our partners?

• Partners

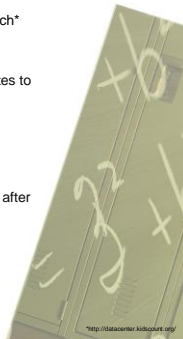
- Food Bank of NWI – 2nd Harvest
- HUD
- Mayor's Office
- Mayor's Chief of Staff
- Gary Department of Public Parks
- Green Urbanism
- Just-A-Dash Catering
- School Board Representatives
 - Gay Community School Corp
 - Lake Ridge School Corp

Overview

- **The CHAMPS Effect**
 - Launched the CACFP Program Opening 5 Sites
 - Opened Café 839
 - 40 Youth and growing
 - Serves 5 schools
 - Motivated City Council to Approve Significant Budget
 - Leveraged to secure NRPA grant \$33,000
 - Allowed us to purchase transportation and make upgrades to park sites

Challenges & Successes

- **Challenge**
 - 12,664 kids who participate in free and reduced lunch*
 - **We are only serving 2% of that population**
 - Lack of After School Programming City-Wide
 - Lack of training/organization capacity of summer sites to transition into after school sites
 - “Proving ourselves” to the IDOE
- **Success**
 - Implementation of CACFP program
 - Purchase of Party Bus for mobile feeding & Unique after school program
 - Implemented Catering 2 Kids Program
 - The Menu is a **HIT!** with the children
 - Taken out of “seriously deficient status” for SFSP
 - 34 SFSP Site Citywide in 2013
 - 40 SFSP Sites in 2014



Poll Question #2

What could be the greatest benefit(s) to my organization if we sponsor both summer and afterschool meals?

- a. We can serve the same families year-round by keeping the same sites open.
- b. Operating sites year-round can strengthen our financial viability as a sponsor.
- c. We can create more opportunities to raise awareness about the need for the programs in our community.
- d. All of the above.



Transitioning to At-risk Afterschool Meals

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CACFP At-risk Meals Expansion

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010:

- Signed into law by President Obama
December 13, 2010
- Expanded eligibility for At-Risk
Afterschool Meals to ALL States
- Previously, 13 States
and DC were eligible



Eligibility

- Available to children through age 18 (or any
age if disabled) participating in a CACFP
afterschool care program
- “Area eligible”
- Afterschool educational or
enrichment activities
- Open to schools, nonprofits,
and for-profit centers



Reimbursement

- Reimbursement for serving one meal and one snack per child, per day
- Meals and snacks must be served free to all children
- Reimbursement is at the free rate for all meals and snacks served



Meal Service

Meals and snacks may be served:

- After the school day
- On weekends and vacations during the regular school year
- At any time during the afterschool program, including when children first arrive



Recordkeeping

At-risk afterschool programs must maintain:

- Daily attendance rosters, sign-in sheets, or other records of daily attendance
- Records of the number of meals and snacks prepared or delivered for each meal service
- The number of meals and snacks served
- Menus for each meal and snack service



Transitioning from the Summer Food Service Program to Child and Adult Care Food Program At-risk Afterschool Meals

- Streamlined application
- SFSP Sponsors are not required to attend training prior to submitting a CACFP application
- Members of the food service staff who receive meal service training under the SFSP are not required to attend separate CACFP training on meal services
- Sponsors may choose to follow the CACFP monitoring schedule year-round rather than follow one schedule for SFSP and one for CACFP
- Excess funds in SFSP may be used in CACFP operations



Transitioning from SFSP to CACFP

- The following are required in SFSP; therefore are not required to reproduce when applying to be part of CACFP:
 - Confirmation of Area Eligibility of Centers (if SFSP eligibility was established using school data)
 - Non-discrimination Statement
 - Health and Safety Inspections
 - Documentation of Tax-Exempt Status

MEMO CODE: CACFP 12-2013; SFSP 14-2013



Use of School Data

- SFSP regulations do not require State agencies to designate the use of school data from one particular month
- At the discretion of the applicable State agencies, in situations where data from a more recent month in the school year is available and would establish area eligibility for an otherwise ineligible location, school data from that month may now be used to establish area eligibility
- For schools or school food authorities participating in either SFSP or SSO, once a site establishes area eligibility, the eligibility stands for a period of five years, regardless of any transition from one Program to the other.



Financial Management Instruction

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- Fees charged for inspections of At-Risk Afterschool Care Centers and Outside School Hours Care Centers would be allowable costs for those entities under the CACFP
- Although it is highly encouraged to use excess funds to either improve or expand the nonprofit food service for the benefit of Program participants, excess funds may also be used for any allowable costs related to other Child Nutrition Programs operated by the institution.



Poll Question #3

As a current summer meals sponsor, what information do I already have that I will not need to resubmit to become a sponsor of afterschool meals?

- Eligibility of sites (if established using school data)
- Health and safety inspections
- Documentation of tax exempt status
- All of the above

State Implementation of Streamlining Provisions

- Streamline application and agreement process
- Combine training
- Waive preapproval visits
- Waive first week site visit
- Share information between programs



Benefits of being involved in both CACFP and SFSP

- Organizations Benefit:
 - Can hire year-round staff
 - Receives additional financial stability
 - Becomes a stable source of services
- Community Benefits:
 - Providing year-round meals to low-income children
 - Brings more Federal funds into the local economy



www.summerfood.usda.gov



Summer Meals Toolkit



Afterschool Meals Resources

- At-risk Afterschool Meals Handbook
- At-risk Q&As Policy Memorandum
- CACFP At-risk Afterschool Meals Best Practices, 2011 Final Report

All available at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/afterschool-programs>



Webinars

- <http://www.fns.usda.gov/get-involved/webinars>
- <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2014-summer-meals-webinars>



Poll Question #4

True or False?

State agencies can streamline all of the following for me if I am currently a summer food sponsor applying to become an afterschool meal sponsor:

- Applications and Agreements
- Trainings
- Preapproval and first week site visits

Advice From The Field

- Transitioning snack programs to meals
- Targeting schools to serve as sites, sponsors, and vendors
- Transitioning summer sponsors to afterschool sponsors
- Identifying programs not serving meals or serving through private funds
- Levering partnerships
- Innovative serving models



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Center for Best Practices Resources

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/>

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Making Child Nutrition Programs Work

No Kid Hungry School Calculator

[View the State of Hunger Map >](#)

This is an interactive calculator that provides decision-makers in schools and districts with a business model to understand the financial feasibility of feeding students the maximum three federal nutrition programs: school breakfast, after-school meals and summer meals. Based on information entered, results will automatically populate to show years three annual estimated costs, reimbursements and increases in student participation for the meal programs.

 <p>School Breakfast</p> <p>Starts service that more students are eating their day. If a school is not currently serving breakfast, school breakfast is a great first step. School breakfast is a great first step. School breakfast is a great first step.</p>	 <p>After-school Meals and Snacks</p> <p>Consider offering snacks and meals to your students, which is another opportunity to connect children with healthy food after the school day ends.</p>	 <p>Summer Meals</p> <p>Schools are a trusted community resource for families and children who are without access to food for summer. Determine how your school can help students get the nutrition they need during the summer months.</p>
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Afterschool Meals Assessment Tool



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Nutrition Program Sponsor Center

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FRAC's Summer and Afterschool Meal Resources:

- Afterschool Meals Guide / Summer Nutrition Programs Implementation Calendars and Guide
- Summer Meals Matter call (1st Tuesday of every month– 1pm EST) / Afterschool Meals Matter calls (3rd Wednesday of every month– 2pm EST)
- Standards of Excellence
- Summer & Afterschool Meal Expansion Newsletter

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Poll Question #5

What is the one thing I can commit to doing today to support the expansion of the Afterschool Meal Program?

I will...

- a. Apply to become a sponsor.
- b. Connect with local afterschool programs to let them know about the meal program.
- c. Talk to current summer meal sites in my area about continuing to operate when the school year starts.
- d. Call my state agency to ask them what streamlining options they are making available to sponsors in my state.

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