



# Food That's In When School is Out!

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# What is the SFSP?

- Federally-funded program administered through State Departments of Education
- Provides free, nutritious meals to low-income children 18 years old and younger when school is not in session
- ‘Sponsored’ by locally, public or private non-profit organizations





# How Does the SFSP Work?

## State Agencies

- Recruit sponsors
- Provide training and technical assistance
- Process claims for reimbursement
- Conduct administrative reviews

## Sponsors

- Recruit Sites
- Train & Monitor sites
- Submit claims for reimbursement
- Outreach to children

## Sites

- Feed and supervise kids
- Provide activities
- Outreach to children



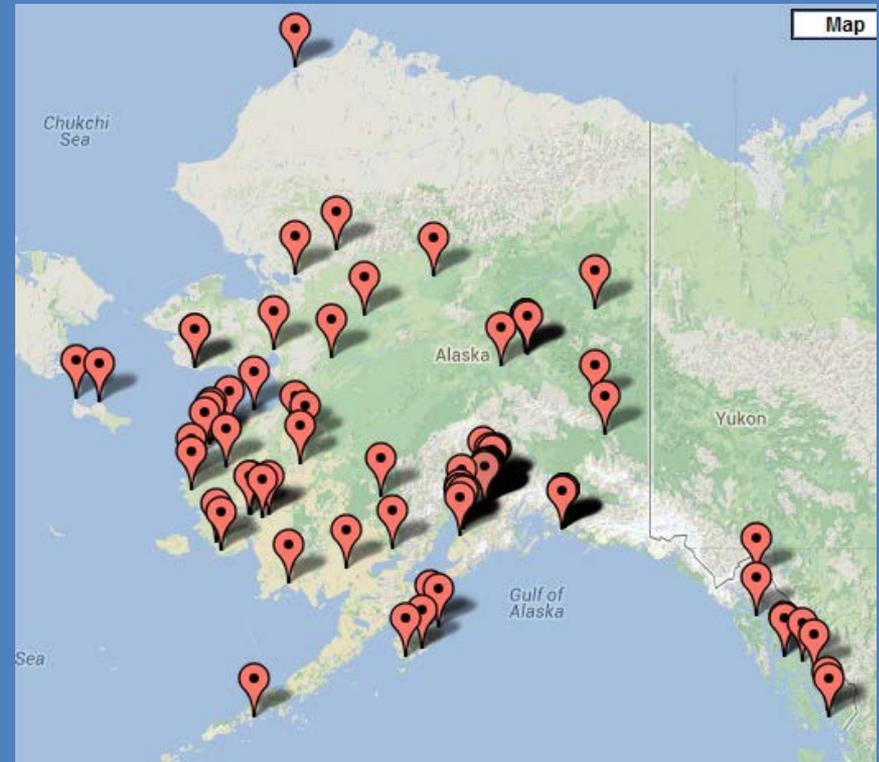
# Sponsor Eligibility

- Public or private non-profit organizations including:
  - Schools
  - Residential/non-residential camps
  - Units of local, county, municipal, State or Federal government
  - Churches
  - Other nonprofit organizations

# Summer Food Sites

There are 6 different types of SFSP sites:

- Open Sites
- Restricted Open Sites
- Enrolled Sites
- Camp Sites
- Alaska Native Sites
- Migrant Sites





# Program Payments

- Sponsors are reimbursed at a meals x meal reimbursement rate for each eligible meal served

## EXAMPLE

25 kids ate a feeding site each day (20 operating days in the month)

25 Kids x 20 days = 500 meals for the month

If the site served lunch only:

(500 meals x \$6.065)     **\$3,032.50**

# Meal Service Requirements

- USDA meal pattern requirements in line with MyPlate dietary guidelines
- Congregate Feeding – children must eat on site
- Daily meal counts
- Food safety



# Trainings

- Sponsors required to annually attend State Agency Training
- All Sponsors must train all administrative and site staff before they undertake program responsibilities





# Applying for SFSP

- SFSP Applications are due no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> OR 30 days prior to the first day of service
- Must be able to document tax-exempt status (except for churches)
- 2 parts to the SFSP application process
  - Paper
  - Online application

# Why Participate?

- Increase participation
  - Only 1 out of 9 (11%) children that participate in National School Lunch Program, participated in SFSP in FY15
  - Sites such as libraries with activities attract more kids
- Kids go back to school ready to learn
  - With adequate nutrition, children are less likely to experience summer learning loss, particularly with the added benefit of reading and other educational activities offered at libraries
- Sustainable funding
  - Because meals are reimbursable, summer programs can earn money while feeding children a safe and fun environment



# Resources

For additional SFSP information, visit a few of these sites:

- Alaska Child Nutrition Programs SFSP:  
<https://education.alaska.gov/TLS/CNP/>
- USDA SFSP: [www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp)
- USDA SFSP Handbooks:  
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/handbooks>

# Need More Information?

If you're interested in the program as a sponsor or site, or just want more info please contact:

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