



# School's Out, Food's In!

**Thinking 365:  
Transitioning your  
summer meals program  
to afterschool meals  
through CACFP At-risk**

July 20, 2022



# HOUSEKEEPING







# Today's Agenda

**Welcome and introductions**

**Summer 2022 Waiver Update**

**Basic differences between Summer and Afterschool Meals**

**Best Practices and Considerations for Transitioning to Afterschool Meals**

- **Eugenie Sellier**, Feeding Alabama (AL)
- **Melissa Weissler**, Operation Food Search (MO)
- **Walter Campbell**, Charleston County School District (SC)

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# Summer 2022 Waiver Update



# Keep Kids Fed Act

***June 25<sup>th</sup> the Keep Kids Fed Act was signed into law!***

- Extends USDA's nationwide waiver authority for SFSP/SSO operations through September 2022
- Meal pattern waiver authority through SY22-23
- Limited nationwide waiver authority through SY22-23
- Higher per-meal reimbursement rates in SBP, NSLP, and CACFP through SY22-23
- Higher Tier I reimbursement rates for Tier II family day care homes.

***Learn more about the Act on [NKH's 6/29 webinar](#) or [NCA's USDA update](#)***



# Newly Announced Summer 2022 Waivers

## **Waiver #107: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 5**

*Expiration: September 30, 2022*

*Flexibilities are available to those operating the Summer Food Service Program and NSLP Seamless Summer Option during summer 2022.*

This waiver allows sponsors to operate open meal sites in locations that do not meet the definition of “areas in which poor economic conditions exist” or where more than half of children are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

# Newly Announced Summer 2022 Waivers

## **Waiver #108: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 4**

*Expiration: September 30, 2022*

*Flexibilities are available to those operating the Summer Food Service Program and NSLP Seamless Summer Option during summer 2022.*

This waiver allows closed enrolled sites to determine site eligibility through area eligibility (instead of collecting income eligibility applications).



# Newly Announced Summer 2022 Waivers

## **Waiver #109**: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement for the Seamless Summer Option in Summer 2022

*Expiration: September 30, 2022*

*Flexibilities are available to those operating the NSLP Seamless Summer Option during summer 2022.*

This waiver allows sponsors to claim NSLP Seamless Summer Option meals and snacks at the Summer Food Service Program reimbursement rate.

# Newly Announced Summer 2022 Waivers

## **Waiver #111**: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 7

*Expiration: September 30, 2022*

*Flexibilities are available to those operating the Summer Food Service Program and NSLP Seamless Summer Option during summer 2022.*

This waiver removes the requirement that meals be served in a congregate setting. Meals would be allowed to be taken and consumed off-site.



# Newly Announced Summer 2022 Waivers

## **Waiver #112: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 7**

*Expiration: September 30, 2022*

*Flexibilities are available to those operating the Summer Food Service Program and NSLP Seamless Summer Option during summer 2022.*

This waiver allows programs that elect non-congregate meal distribution to distribute meals to parents or guardians to take home to their children.

# Newly Announced Summer 2022 Waivers

## **Waiver #113**: Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions for Summer 2022 Operations – EXTENSION 4

*Expiration: September 30, 2022*

*Flexibilities are available to those operating the Summer Food Service Program and NSLP Seamless Summer Option during summer 2022.*

This waiver allows operators to serve meals outside of standard meal times.



# Newly Announced Summer 2022 Waivers

## **Waiver #114: Nationwide Waiver of the Summer Sponsor Application Deadline and to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval for Summer 2022 Operations**

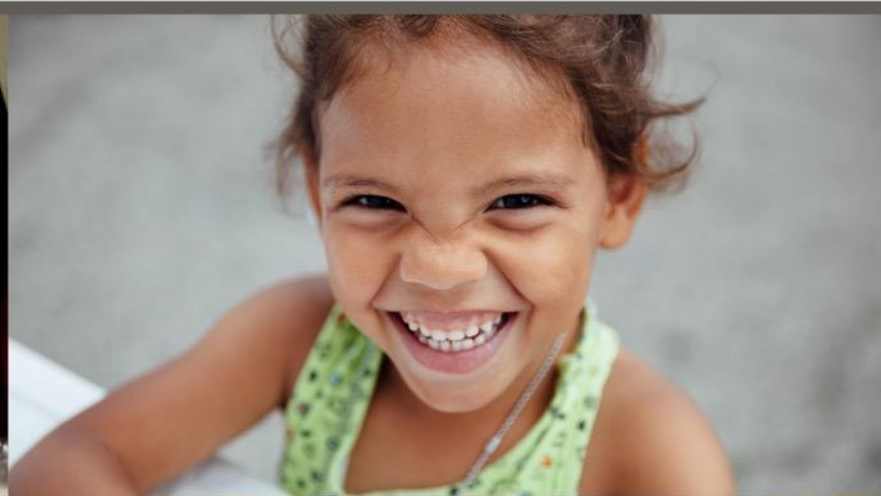
*Flexibilities are available to those operating the Summer Food Service Program and NSLP Seamless Summer Option during summer 2022.*

This waiver allows SFSP and SSO sponsors to operate even if they did not submit their application by June 15 for summer 2022 (however, they must still submit an application). It also allows reimbursement for meals served at a site before the sponsor has received written notification that the site has been approved for participation in the program. However, sponsors may only claim reimbursement for meals served retroactive to the date that a complete and correct application was received by the state agency.

# Utilizing Flexibilities

State agencies **must elect** waivers for use by sponsors in their state.

*Please check in with your state agency to see what is allowable in your state.*



# Summer vs. Afterschool Meals





# Sponsor Eligibility

## Same

- Public school food authority
- Private non-profit school
- State or local government agency
- Private non-profit organization

## Different

- SFSP allows:
  - public or private non-profit colleges or universities participating in National Youth Sports Programs (NYSP)
  - public or private non-profit camps
- CACFP allows:
  - Eligible for-profit child care centers

# Site Type

## Same

- Affiliated (share sponsor's legal identity)
- Unaffiliated (separate legal entity from sponsor)
  - Non-cash agreements (sponsor assumes all costs and retains full reimbursement)

## Different

- SFSP has defined types: open/open-restricted, closed enrolled, camp, migrant, NYSP
- CACFP has no official site-type designations, but programs can be drop-in (open) or enrolled
- CACFP allows cash agreements (sponsor disburses reimbursement minus administrative fee)

# Site Eligibility

## Same

- For all CACFP At-Risk Afterschool sites and SFSP open or open restricted sites:
  - Located within attendance zone of public elementary, middle, or high school with  $\geq 50\%$  eligible for free and reduced-price meals (FARM)
  - Eligibility determination is valid for 5 years

## Different

- SFSP/SSO
  - Open or open-restricted sites can use census data and [averaged area eligibility](#)
  - Closed enrolled and camp sites do not need to be in eligible areas but 50% or more of enrolled participants must be FARM eligible
- CACFP sites that are not area eligible may participate in CACFP as Outside-School-Hours Care Centers if they meet eligibility standards



# Activity Requirements

## Same

- Supervision

## Different

- SFSP/SSO activities are *encouraged* as a best practice
- CACFP *requires* regularly scheduled educational or enrichment programming

# Operational Days

## Same

- Programs may operate up to seven days per week

## Different

- SFSP
  - Summer break
  - Vacation breaks for year-round schools
  - Unanticipated school closures during regular school year
- CACFP
  - During regular school year
    - after school hours
    - on weekends, holidays, or breaks
    - during unanticipated school closures
  - Year-round in areas of year-round schools



# Participants

## Same

- All children and teens through age 18
- Persons with disabilities regardless of age

## Different

- In CACFP a 19 year-old could participate if 18 at start of the school year

# Meal Pattern

## Same

- School food authorities may opt to follow National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program meal patterns

## Different

- CACFP has a different meal pattern from SFSP/SSO. See [Part Three of USDA's Handbook!](#)



# Meal Records

## Same

- Menus for each meal or snack
- Number of meals prepared/delivered and served

## Different

- SFSP requires the number of first meals, second meals, and any leftover meals or meals served to non-program adults
- CACFP requires daily attendance

# Reimbursement Rates

## SFSP

SFSP Per meal rates	Lower 48 States	
	Rural or self-prep	All other sites
Breakfast	\$2.6050	\$2.5550
Lunch/ Supper	\$4.5625	\$4.4875
Snack	\$1.0775	\$1.0525

## SSO\*

SSO Per meal rates	Lower 48 States
Breakfast	\$1.97
Lunch/ Supper	\$3.66
Snack	\$1.00

## CACFP At-Risk

CACFP At-Risk Per meal rates	Lower 48 States
Breakfast	\$1.97
Lunch/ Supper	$\$3.66 + \$0.26 = \$3.92$
Snack	\$1.00

*\*Waiver available for meals served through SSO to be reimbursed at the highest SFSP rate in summer 2022*

# Resource!

## Afterschool Meals and Summer Meals Comparison Chart

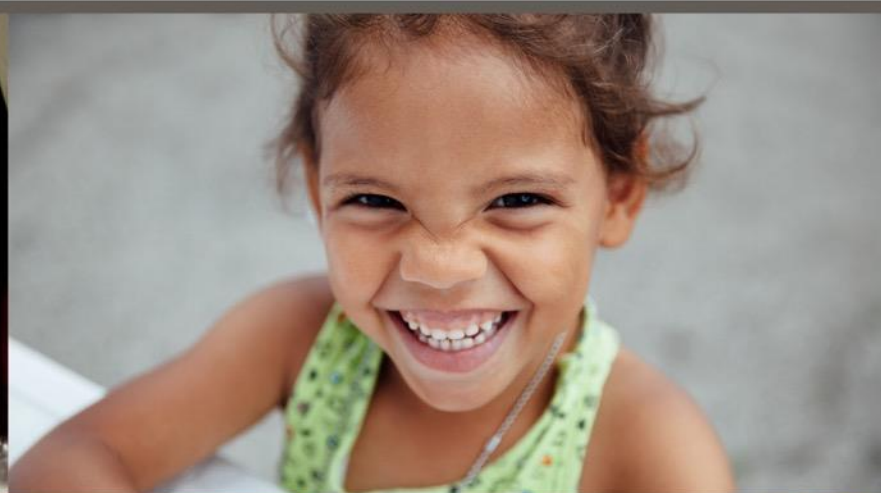
Check out all of our Afterschool Meals resources on our [website!](#)



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### Key Differences and Similarities in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program and the Summer Food Service Program

Rules/Options	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Only	For Both Programs	Summer Food Service Program Only
Sponsor Eligibility	<b>Entity Type</b>	Eligible for-profit child care centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public school food authority</li> <li>Private non-profit school</li> <li>State or local government agency</li> <li>Private non-profit organization</li> </ul>
	<b>Services</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public or private non-profit colleges or universities participating in National Youth Sports Program (NYSP)</li> <li>Public or private non-profit camps</li> </ul>
	<b>Capacity</b>		Provide year-round service to community (except NYSP sponsors). State Agencies may grant exceptions to sponsors of migrant sites and residential camps.
Site Types	<b>Affiliation</b>		Limited to 200 sites and total average daily attendance of 50,000 unless granted an exception by the State Agency.
	<b>Unaffiliated Agreements</b>		
	<b>Types</b>		
Site Eligibility	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affiliated (share sponsor's legal identity)</li> <li>Unaffiliated (separate legal entity from sponsor)</li> </ul>
	<b>Meeting Need</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash agreements (sponsor disburses reimbursement less administrative fee)</li> <li>Non-cash agreements (sponsor assumes all costs and retains full reimbursement)</li> </ul>
	<b>Services</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No official site type designations, but programs may be drop-in (open) or enrolled</li> <li>Defined types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open/open restricted</li> <li>Closed enrolled</li> <li>Camp</li> <li>Migrant</li> <li>NYSP (National Youth Sports Program)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>		Meet applicable state or local health and safety standards (may be different across programs)
	<b>Meeting Need</b>		State Agency funding available for inspections.
	<b>Services</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For open or open restricted sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located within census block group (CBG) or tract with ≥50% FARM eligible. CBGs with 40-50% FARM eligible may be paired with up to two adjacent CBGs that are ≥50% FARM eligible to confer eligibility over the entire area (SFSP 03-2017). See our <a href="#">Averaged Area Eligibility Map</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Closed enrolled and camp sites do not need to be in eligible areas but must serve FARM eligible children. At closed enrolled sites, ≥50% of enrolled participants must be FARM eligible*</li> </ul>
	<b>Meeting Need</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are not area-eligible may participate in CACFP as Outside-School-Hours-Care Centers (OSHCC) if they meet OSHCC eligibility standards</li> <li>For all CACFP At-Risk Afterschool sites and SFSP open or open restricted sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located within attendance zone of public elementary, middle, or high school with ≥50% eligible for free and reduced-price meals (FARM)</li> <li>Eligibility determination is valid for 5 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Services</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regularly scheduled educational or enrichment programming</li> <li>Supervision</li> <li>Activities are encouraged as a best practice</li> </ul>

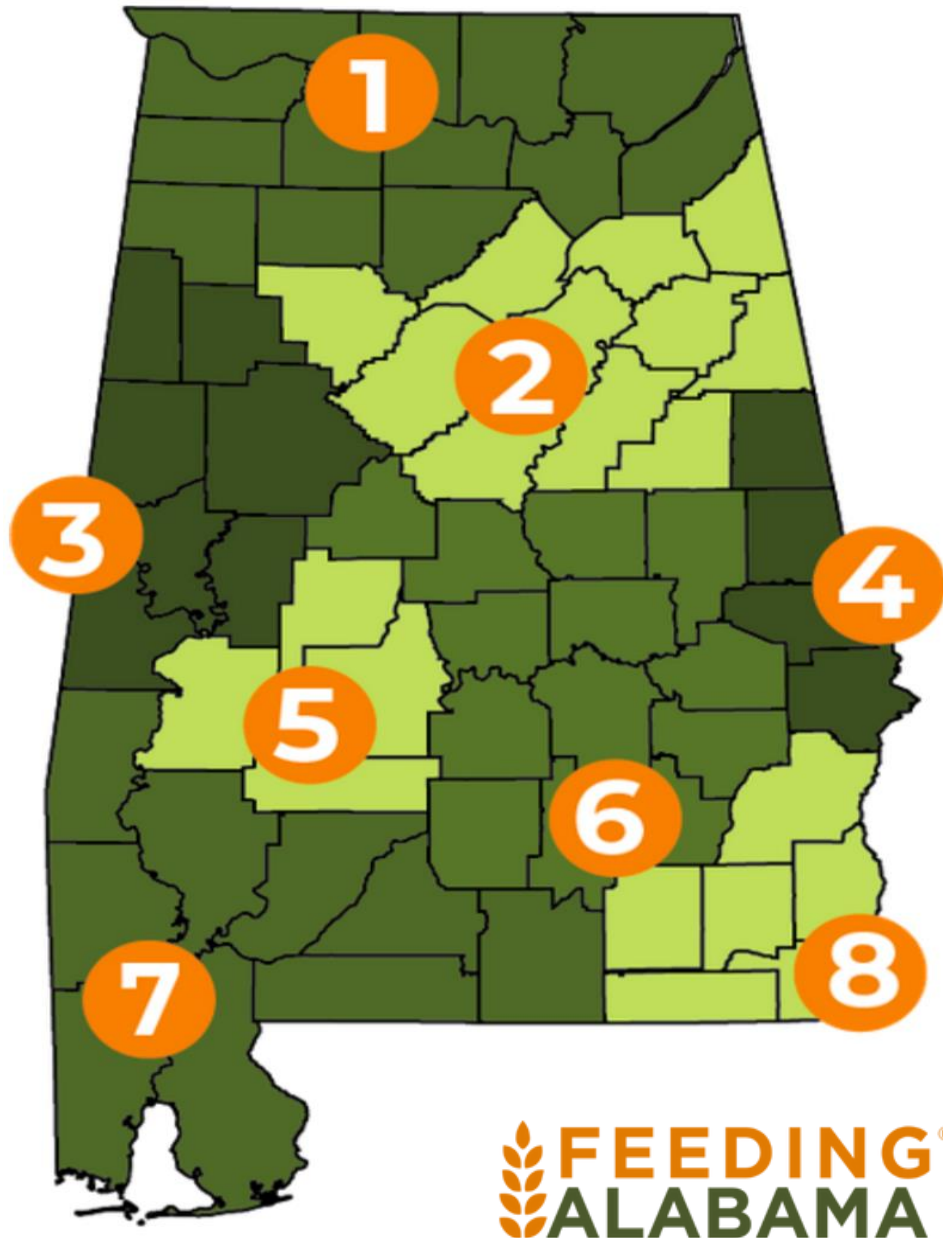


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Feeding Alabama works to end hunger by assisting the food bank network in obtaining more food and funds, fostering public awareness of the food banks' mission, and creating partnerships to help alleviate hunger in Alabama.

1. Food Bank of North Alabama
2. Community Food Bank of Central Alabama
3. West Alabama Food Bank
4. Food Bank of East Alabama
5. Selma Area Food Bank
6. Montgomery Area Food Bank
7. Feeding the Gulf Coast
8. Wiregrass Area Food Bank, Inc.

# Afterschool Meals: New Sponsor Perspective

- Program Operation: October 1, 2022 - May 13, 2023
- 15 sites
- 751 kids reached
- 38,585 snacks and 14,628 suppers
- Transitioned from year round SFSP to CACFP
- Program available on holidays
- Familiar sites
- Break between SFSP and CACFP



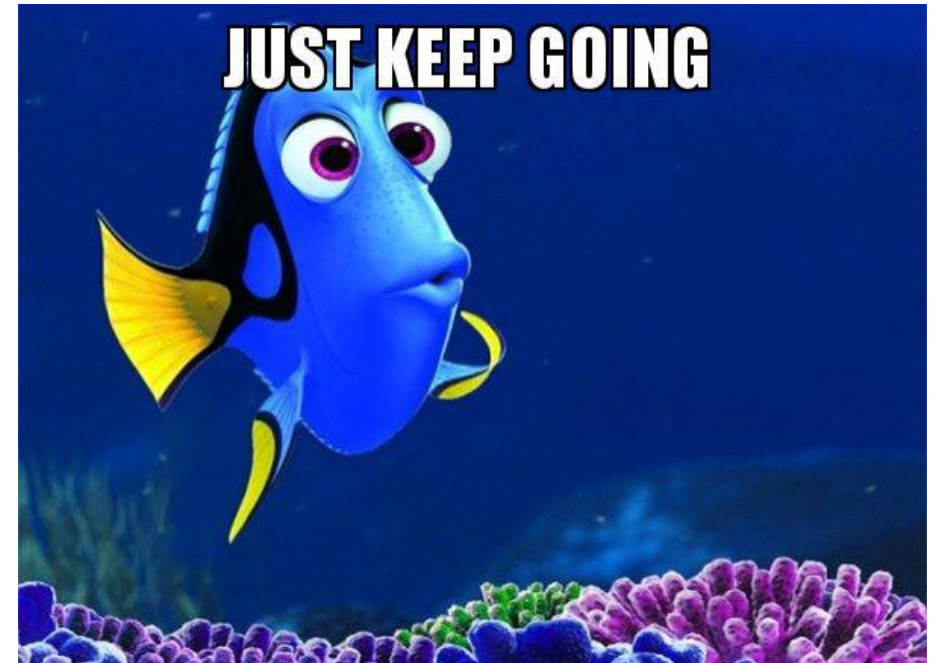
## How did it start?

- Internal Approval & Buy-in
- Program Interest Meeting & Survey
- State Agency Program Training, Application, and Audit
- Vendor or Meal Prep
- Budget
  - Private funding; SFSP excess funding
- Staffing will depend on number of sites

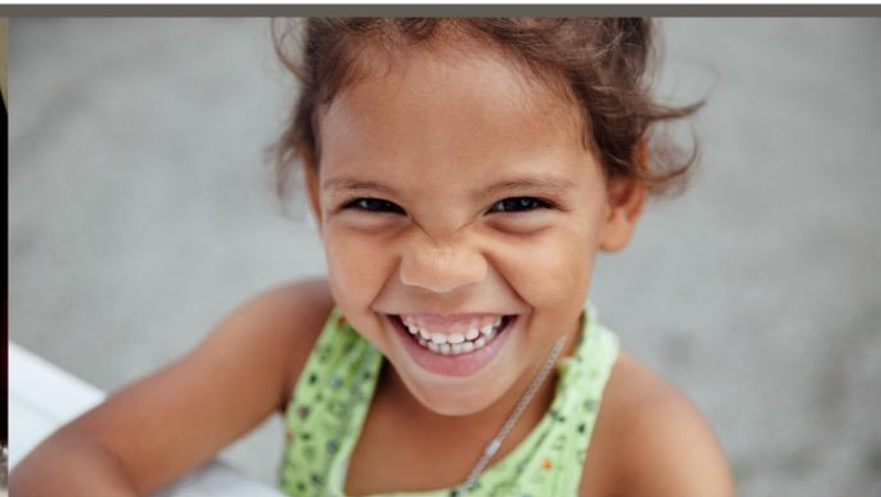


## How's it going?

- Take advantage of waivers (on-site monitoring)
- Take advantage of technology
  - Virtual binders (paperless program)
  - Virtual training and check-ins
  - Virtual monitoring visits
  - Virtual enrichment library.
- Continue to recruit SFSP sites to CACFP
- Post Program Evaluation



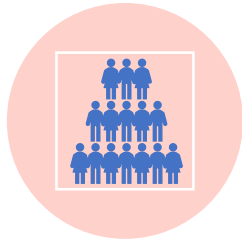




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## Why add At-Risk Afterschool to your Program Offerings?



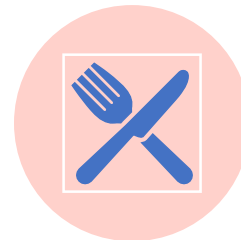
**Create a year-round, consistent resource for the community**



**Create financial and program stability for our organization**



**Maintain vendor relationship year-round**



**Strengthen partner relationships**

# Things to Consider

## Meal Planning

- Follow CACFP meal pattern year round
- Provide “Super Snack” meals

## Weather Contingency

- Clear Communication Plan
- Shelf Stable Meals

# Maximizing Participation

## Supper (Immediately) After The Bell

- **Meal time is within 15 minutes of school dismissal**
- Kids who don't participant in activities receive a meal before they leave
- Fuels kids so that they can excel in activities

## Supper in the Classroom

- **Meals served in the classroom after the official end of the school day**
- Great way to ensure all kids are provided a third meal
- Helpful model if formal afterschool activities don't already exist

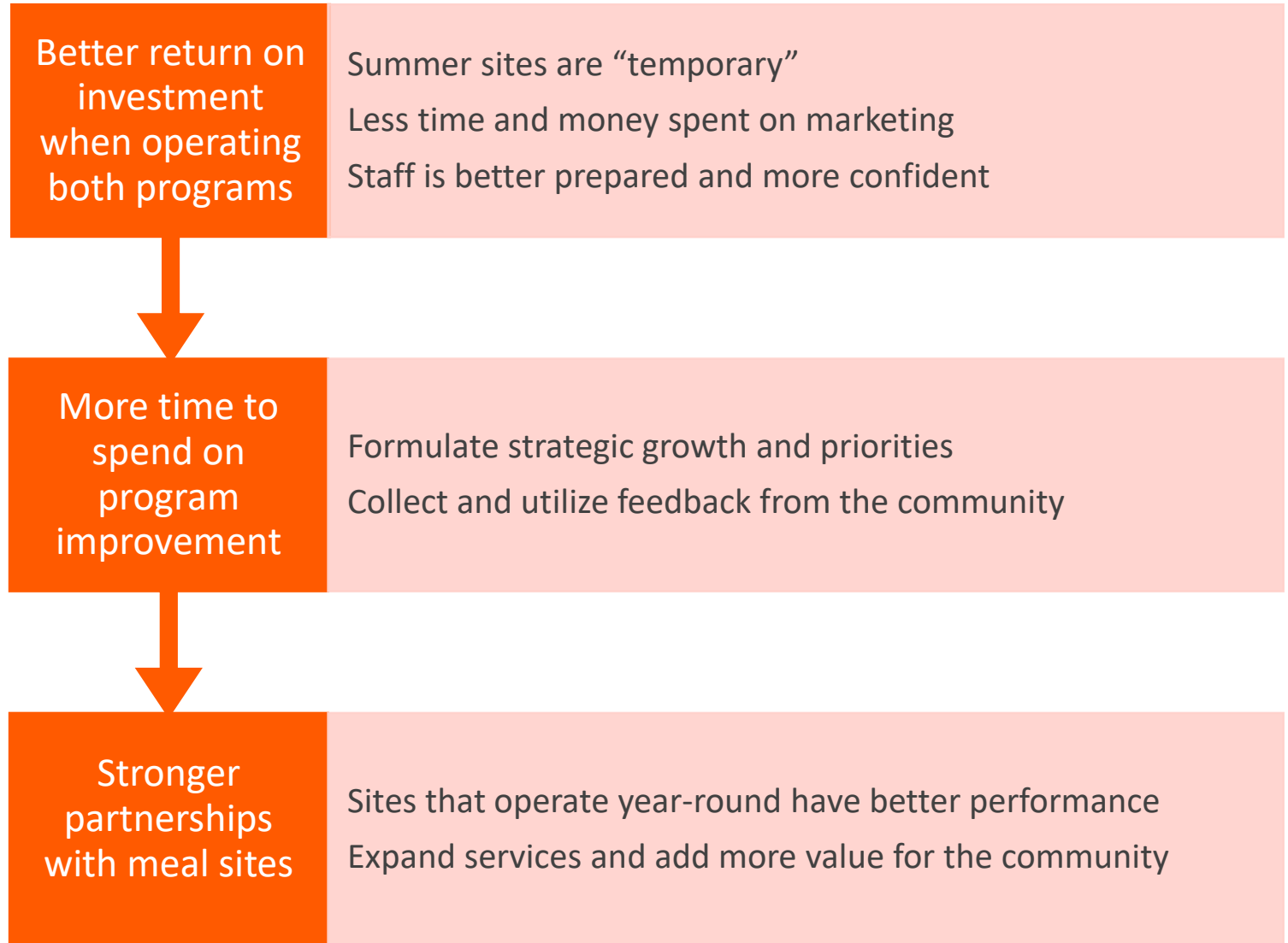
## Consistent Serving Time Year-Round

- **SFSP and CACFP meal times are the same, generally 3:00 or 4:00 in the afternoon**
- Afternoon meal times are extremely popular in SFSP, especially for working parents
- Avoids having to communicate time changes from season to season and builds consistent clientele

# Including CACFP improves your SFSP program.

And makes your life easier.

No, Really!







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# After School Meals

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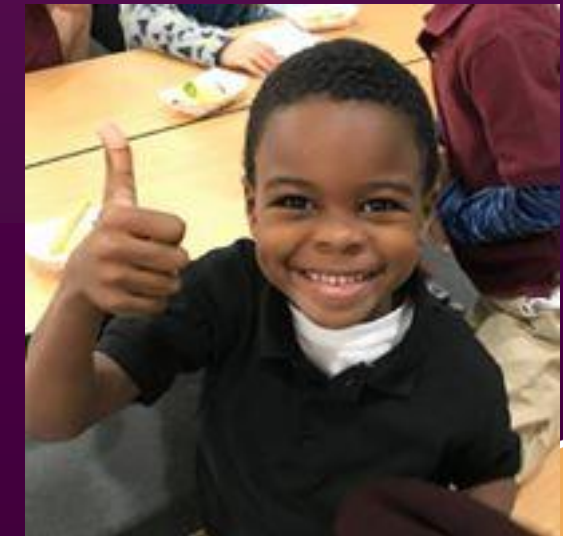
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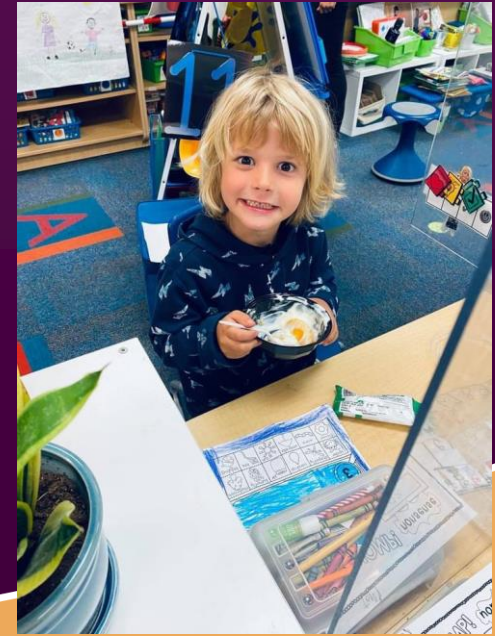
















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# Q&A

# New Resource!

## Feeding a Crowd – Tips for Congregate Meal Service

Available at: [bestpractices.nokidhungry.org](https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org)

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### FEEDING A CROWD – TIPS FOR CONGREGATE MEAL SERVICE

Requiring children to eat meals onsite can be a challenge in the summer meals program, but it doesn't have to be! This resource provides strategies to make congregate meal service easier for site staff and improve the experience for children and families.

#### Location, Location, Location

Select a desirable location for your site. Consider where kids, teens, and families gather naturally during the summer months. Some ideas:

- Parks and pools
- Recreation centers and playgrounds
- Splash parks
- Libraries

You can also consider places where parents or caregivers might already be going with their children. Be sure to work with managers or owners wherever you consider. If they do not allow an open meal site, consider an adjacent parking lot. Some ideas:

- Pediatrician offices and WIC clinics
- Laundromats
- Popular shopping and grocery stores

**Tip! Have incentives for families that regularly attend. Punch cards with a prize are a great way to maintain participation.**

#### Don't Forget to Decorate!

Make the space welcoming and comfortable for all.

If outside, set up a tent if there is no shade, offer picnic tables or blankets, and provide cold water to all. If inside, let your creativity run wild. Streamers, posters, and balloons add fun to your site. Bean bag chairs? Why not?!

**Tip! Now that your site is camera ready, why not create a photo booth? Encourage families to share photos and include your site information – a fun activity and a promotional opportunity in one!**



# New Resource!

## SFSP & SSO Requirements - Comparison Chart of Usual vs. COVID-19 Waiver Operations

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### Comparison of Usual Summer Meal Program Provisions vs. Expired Flexibilities Permitted in Response the COVID-19 Pandemic



USDA issued a suite of nationwide waivers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. **These waivers will not be available for summer 2022 SFSP/SSO operations.** Please follow the link to see the waiver language or review our [nationwide waiver summary chart](#) for the nationwide waivers referenced below. Contact your state agency for more information. This resource was last updated 3/29/2022.

Program	Provision	Usual Program Provisions	Expired COVID-19 Flexibilities
USDA	Waiver Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cannot issue nationwide waivers</li><li>• Cannot approve waiver requests that increase federal costs</li><li>• Cannot approve waiver requests related to the meal pattern / nutritional quality</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allowed to issue nationwide waivers</li><li>• Allowed to issue or approve waivers that increase federal costs</li><li>• Allowed to issue waivers from the meal pattern requirements if related to supply chain issues caused by COVID-19</li></ul>
SFSP / SSO	Congregate (Group) Meal Service	Congregate meal service required (children must be served & eat each meal on site in a supervised setting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-congregate meal service allowed (waiver <a href="#">COVID-19 #75</a>)</li><li>• Parent meal pick-up on child's behalf was allowed with verification of eligible child (waiver <a href="#">COVID-19 #76</a>)</li></ul>
	Meals Reimbursed	Per child per day, up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast + lunch/supper OR</li><li>• Any one meal + snack</li></ul> *Different for camps and migrant sites	<b>SAME, except</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sites permitted to serve meals for multiple days at the same time (within usual per child per day limits)</li></ul>
	Days of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allows for weekend service and service up to seven days per week</li><li>• Allows for service on holidays during summer break or intersession breaks for students attending year-round schools</li><li>• Service during planned school closures or non-school days during the regular school year (like spring break) is <b>not</b> permitted</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In Spring 2020 when operators were utilizing SFSP/SSO under the unanticipated school closure provision, service during planned school closures and non-school days was permitted</li><li>• In School Year 2020-2021, serving meals through SFSP/SSO was permitted on any day regardless of school operating status</li><li>• In School Year 2021-2022, schools were permitted to serve meals through SSO on school days and during unanticipated closures. Use of SFSP was limited to unanticipated school closures</li></ul>

# In Case You Missed It!

## Keep Kids Fed Act – Update & Next Steps

### *Webinar Recording & Slides*

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## Additional Resources

[Staffing Up: Strategies for Working Through Labor Shortages and Challenges](#) (resource)

[Tips for Staffing Summer Meals Programs](#) (resource)

[Tips for Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions](#) (resource)

[Materials for Communicating with Your School Community](#) (sample language in English and Spanish)

[Rural Communities Leading the Way: Introducing Local Foods to Meal Service](#) (resource)

From SNA: [Supply Chain Resources](#) (website)

From USDA: [Planning for a Dynamic School Environment](#) (website)

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## *Summer Webinar Series*

**March 30** – Planning for Summer Meals: Strategies to navigate no-waiver operations

**April 13** – Reaching Hard to Reach Communities: Leveraging Innovation and Partnership

**May 17** – Promoting Your Summer Meals Program: Strategies and Tips to Promote Your Summer Meals Program

**June 9** – Evaluating and Incorporating Feedback into Your Summer Meals Programs: Tips and Promising Practices

**July 20** – Thinking 365: Transitioning Your Summer Meals Program to an Afterschool Program through CACFP At-risk

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