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

July 20, 2022
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)

Audience Q&A

Additional Resources
No Kid Hungry is a campaign of Share Our Strength. We are committed to ending childhood hunger in the United States by helping launch and improve programs that give kids the food they need to thrive.
No Kid Hungry’s Center for Best Practices provides information, tools, and resources designed to end childhood hunger.

bestpractices.nokidhungry.org
THANK YOU!
Keep Kids Fed Act

June 25th 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 ≥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

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*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!
Eugenie Sellier
Director of Policy & Programs,
Feeding Alabama
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
Melissa Weissler
Operation Food Search
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 participate 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!

| Better return on investment when operating both programs | Summer sites are “temporary”  
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------
|                                                         | Less time and money spent on marketing  
|                                                         | Staff is better prepared and more confident |

| More time to spend on program improvement | Formulate strategic growth and priorities  
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------
|                                         | Collect and utilize feedback from the community |

| Stronger partnerships with meal sites | Sites that operate year-round have better performance  
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------
|                                     | Expand services and add more value for the community |
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New Resource!

**Feeding a Crowd – Tips for Congregate Meal Service**

Available at: bestpractices.nokidhungry.org

Click “Latest Resources” on the orange navigation bar!
New Resource!  

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

Available at: bestpractices.nokidhungry.org

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| USDA Waiver Authority | - Cannot issue nationwide waivers  
                     | - Cannot approve waivers that increase federal costs  
                     | - Cannot approve waivers related to the meal pattern / nutritional quality                  | - Allowed to issue nationwide waivers  
                     | - Allowed to issue or approve waivers that increase federal costs  
                     | - Allowed to issue waivers from the meal pattern requirements if related to supply chain issues caused by COVID-19 |
| Congregate (Group) Meal Service | - Congregate meal service required (children must be served & eat each meal on site in a supervised setting) | - Non-congregate meal service allowed (waiver COVID-19 #751)  
                     | - Parent meal pick-up on child’s behalf was allowed with verification of eligible child (waiver COVID-19 #753) |                                                                                                    |
| Meals Reimbursed | - Per child per day, up to:  
                     | - Breakfast + lunch/supper OR  
                     | - Any one meal + snack  
                     | - Different for camps and migrant sites | - SAME, except  
                     | - Sites permitted to serve meals for multiple days at the same time (within usual per child per day limits)  
                     | - 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  
                     | - In School Year 2020-2021, serving meals through SFSP/SSO was permitted on any day regardless of school operating status  
                     | - 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 |
| Days of Operation | - Allows for weekend service and service up to seven days per week  
                     | - Allows for service on holidays during summer break or intersession breaks for students attending year-round schools  
                     | - Service during planned school closures or non-school days during the regular school year (like spring break) is not permitted |                                                                                                    |

In Case You Missed It!

Keep Kids Fed Act – Update & Next Steps

Webinar Recording & Slides

Available at: bestpractices.nokidhungry.org

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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)
School’s Out, Food’s In!

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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