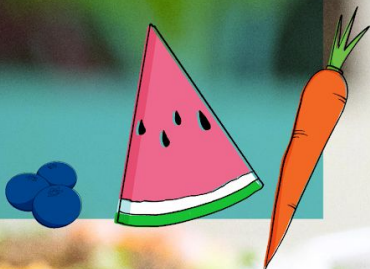


SUMMER NUTRITION SUMMIT

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Remarks from Today's Speakers
- Group Discussion
- Q&A



Today's Speakers



Kat Soltanmorad, RDN
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Brigitte Hires, PhD, RD
Administrator, Office of Nutrition, Ohio
Department of Education and Workforce



Mai Abdullah
Executive Director, Refugees
Helping Refugees



Regis Whaley
Senior Manager, Benefits Integration,
Center for Best Practices, Share Our
Strength

Summer EBT at School in 2024

“If you are a true bona fide school lunch lady - that is what drives us. Most of the people that I run with are on the same wavelength. We really worry about them in out of school times. We do everything we can to make sure those babies are not forgotten.”

On submitting data: “Big win to have state involved by providing DC [direct certification] list!”

Your top concern with the program?

“[Summer EBT] not continuing indefinitely!”

“[SUNBucks] was needed. I worry if it affected participation in grab and go sites, meal delivery. However, we still served record numbers [of meals] this past summer.”

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SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER

Summer 2024 Ohio Overview

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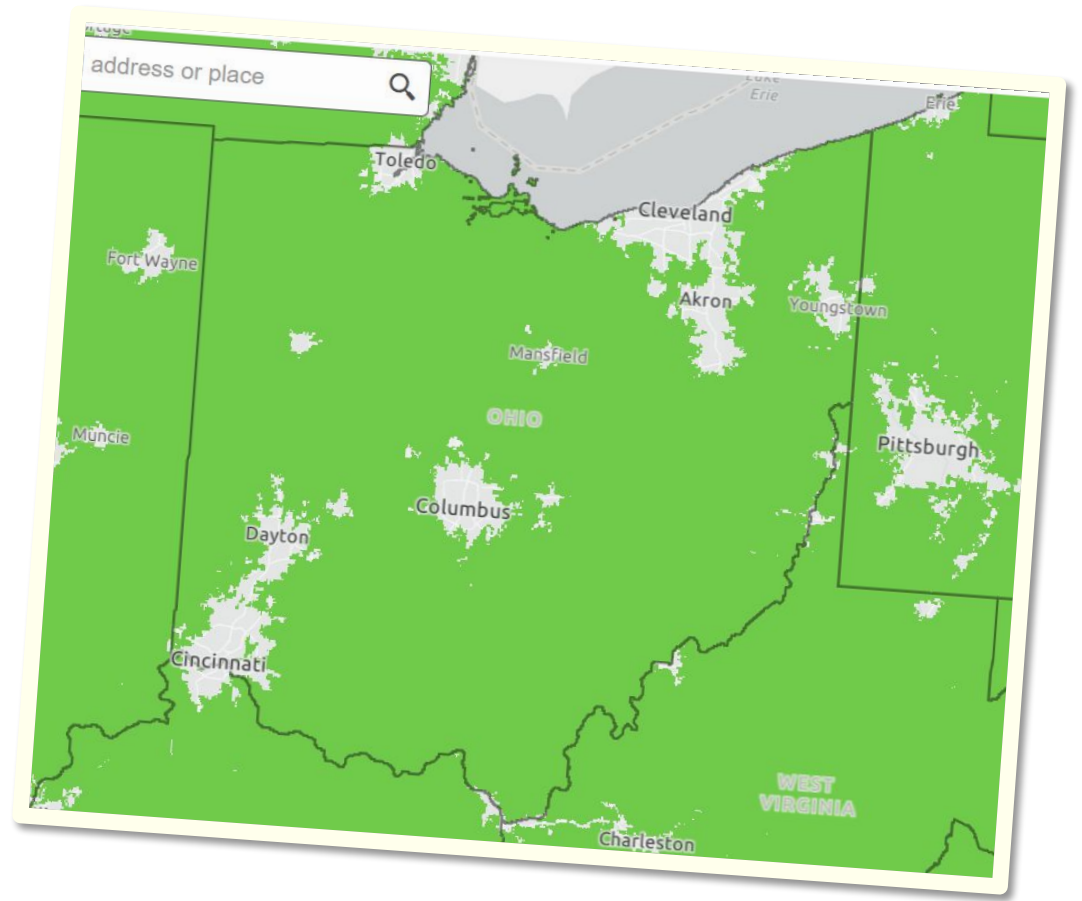
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OHIO OVERVIEW

- In October 2023, 1,754,365 enrolled students with access to the National School Lunch Program
- 1160 School Food Authorities and 3557 sites
- Estimated 840,000 recipients of Summer EBT
- School Year 2024 was first year of the Medicaid pilot



USDA Rural Designation [Map](#) of Ohio



SUMMER EBT DISTRIBUTION

- August 16 was the summer operational period end date
- First distribution in late July
- 1.2 million Ohio children received Summer EBT
 - 45% from SNAP
 - 32% from Medicaid
 - 23% from school eligibility
- Benefits issued to SNAP cards and then individually by child
- As of late October, \$115,633,185 redeemed



SUMMER 2025 UPDATES

- Distribution planned for mid May
- Triaging for addresses to county agencies
- Revisiting AG Misfortune process
- Discussing receiving a foster children file
- Reviewing the hierarchy order of data for birthdate and address



Mai Abdullah

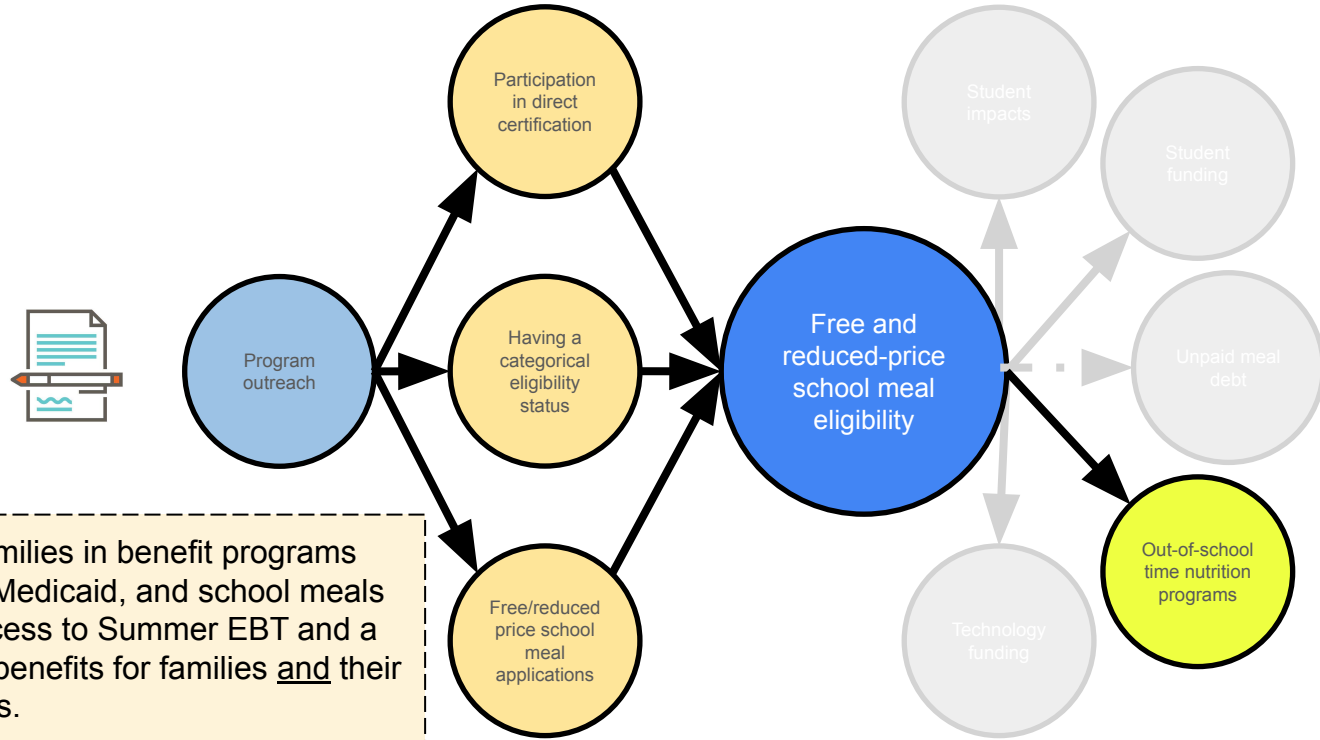
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PUBLIC BENEFITS ACCESS CASCADE



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The **Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)** program provides grocery benefits for eligible children. Households with children determined eligible for free or reduced-price school meals should receive benefits automatically while other income-eligible households must apply to receive benefits.

The **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**, which provides meals for children during the summer months, can use free/reduced-price school meal eligibility to establish **area eligibility** for meal sites.

Key questions to consider:

- Who can benefit from increased program participation?
- Who can help schools with program outreach?
- How will you measure success?

Discussion

Q&A is next!

Please jot down your questions.



Thank you for joining us today!

Interested in continuing the conversation?

