

Summer Nutrition Summit

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4 Home Delivery Models

How They Could
Work for Your
Community

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Agenda

- Welcome!
- Why is home delivery of interest?
- Overview of 4 home delivery models
- Which model might work for your community?
- Breakouts - Learn more about models that interest you
- Conclusion



Disclaimer

Our speakers represent their own experience with non-congregate summer meal programs in their states and localities. Certain program models and implementation methods may be restricted in some states. Check with your local state agency before implementing any new meal service models or implementation methods.

Why is home delivery of interest?



Rural Non-Congregate Meals: An Opportunity for Human-Centered Innovation

- Interviews with 30 participants at three different sites
- National survey of 832 families
- Human-centered design process with community in Florida
- Co-creation session with caregivers in SW Virginia
- Pilot feedback surveys

Families Value the Program

Parents widely agree that summer meals help children get enough to eat, stretch food budgets, and are convenient.

Here are some descriptions of the summer meal pickup and delivery program for kids. Please indicate if this describes the program very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well.



Appeal of Home Delivery

74%

Of families not participating would be motivated to join if home delivery were an option

Participant Interviews

Delivery would be helpful. That would be **immensely helpful**. Saving money on gas driving out here. I live on the far side, so it's about a twenty-five minute drive each way.

I am battling cancer and my daughter has Down Syndrome, so having the lunches delivered to us is an **absolute godsend**.



Pilot Feedback Survey

Craig County, Virginia

1. Home delivery of shelf stable food
2. Home delivery of perishable food
3. Home delivery of a mix of shelf stable and perishable foods
4. Pickup of shelf stable food from a designated spot in your community
5. Pickup of perishable food from a designated spot in your community
6. Pick up of bulk items for meals (groceries packaged in bulk)
7. Meals served on site

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Note: 56 caregivers responding (257 total children registered)



Pilot Feedback Session

- Felt shelf-stable + delivery would “get the most kids fed”
- Liked portability of shelf-stable foods
- Preference for swapping food items between kids
- Loved that they did not have to be home to receive the package
- Boxes with kids’ names felt like a gift or a surprise



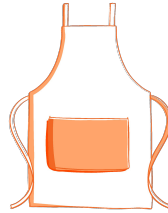
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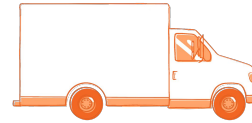
In-House Model



**District handles
outreach and
registration**



**All procurement
and meal prep
done inhouse with
district staff**

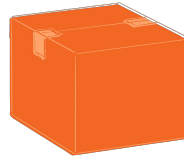


**Meals packed in
coolers and
delivered by
district staff**

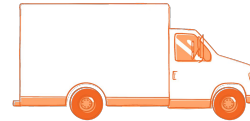
Direct Ship Model



**District handles
outreach** and
registration

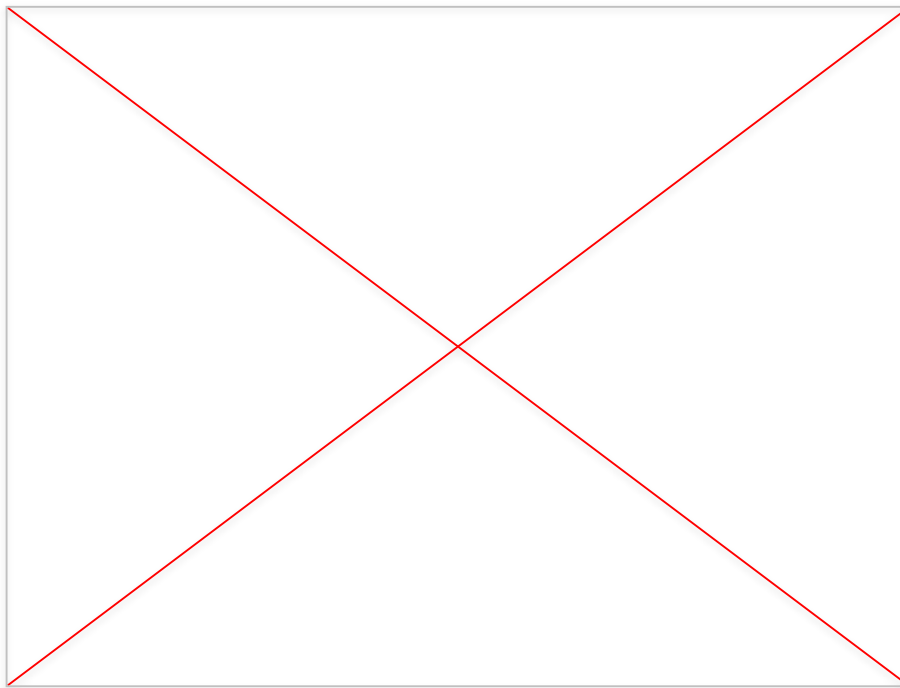


Food vendor
prepares meal
boxes and
manages shipping
for district



**UPS or other
shipping
partner** delivers
boxes to district
families

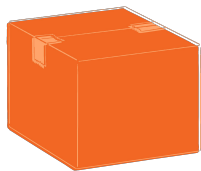
Rural Delivery Pilots with Amazon



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Small District Model



Vendor supplies shelf stable meal boxes



District registers kids, procures, and labels meal boxes



Amazon picks up and ships to houses directly

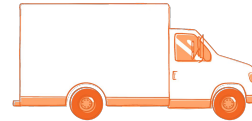
Food Bank Model



Districts register kids and share info with food bank



Food bank procures and labels meal boxes



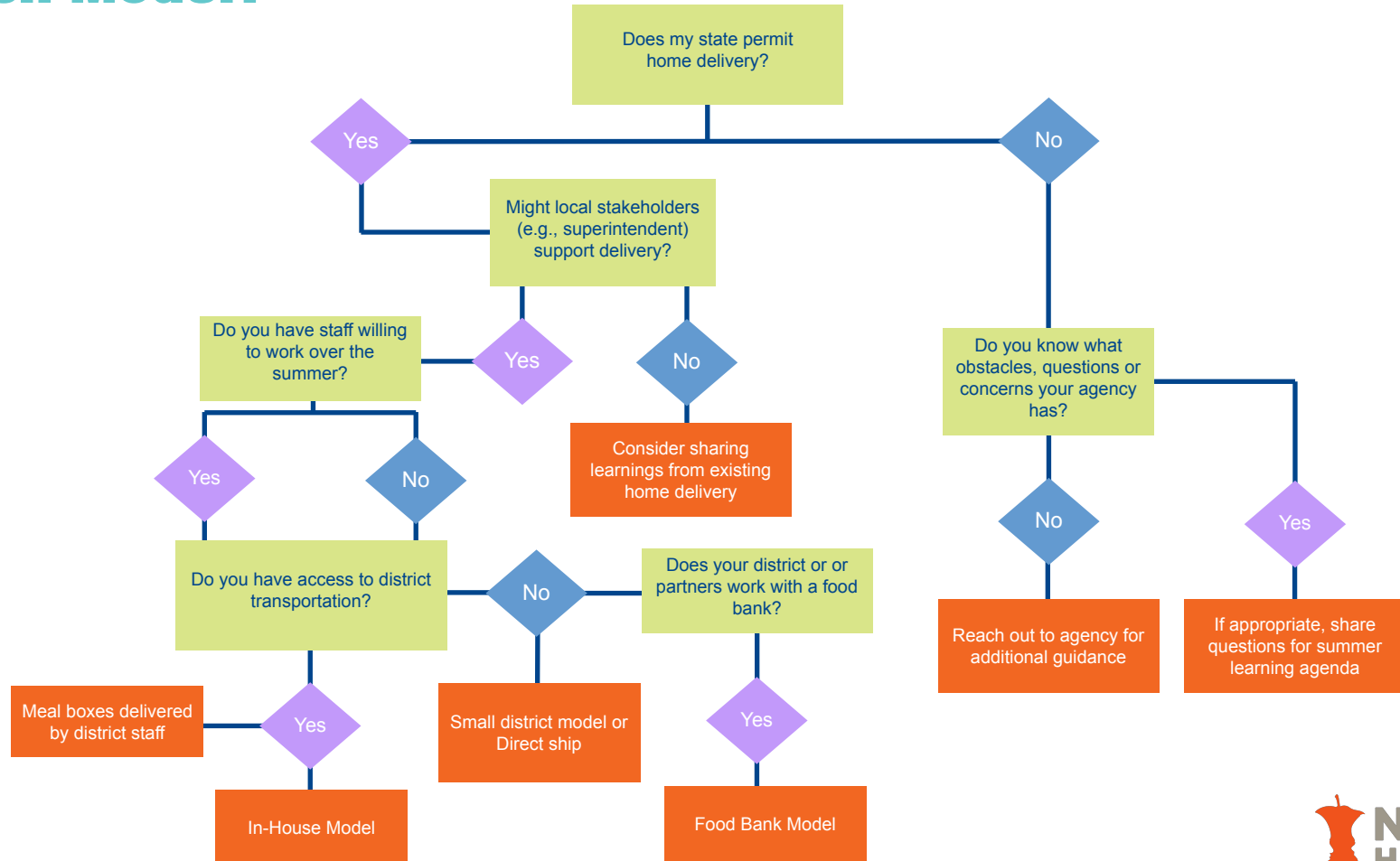
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**Reflection – Which models
could work for your
community?**

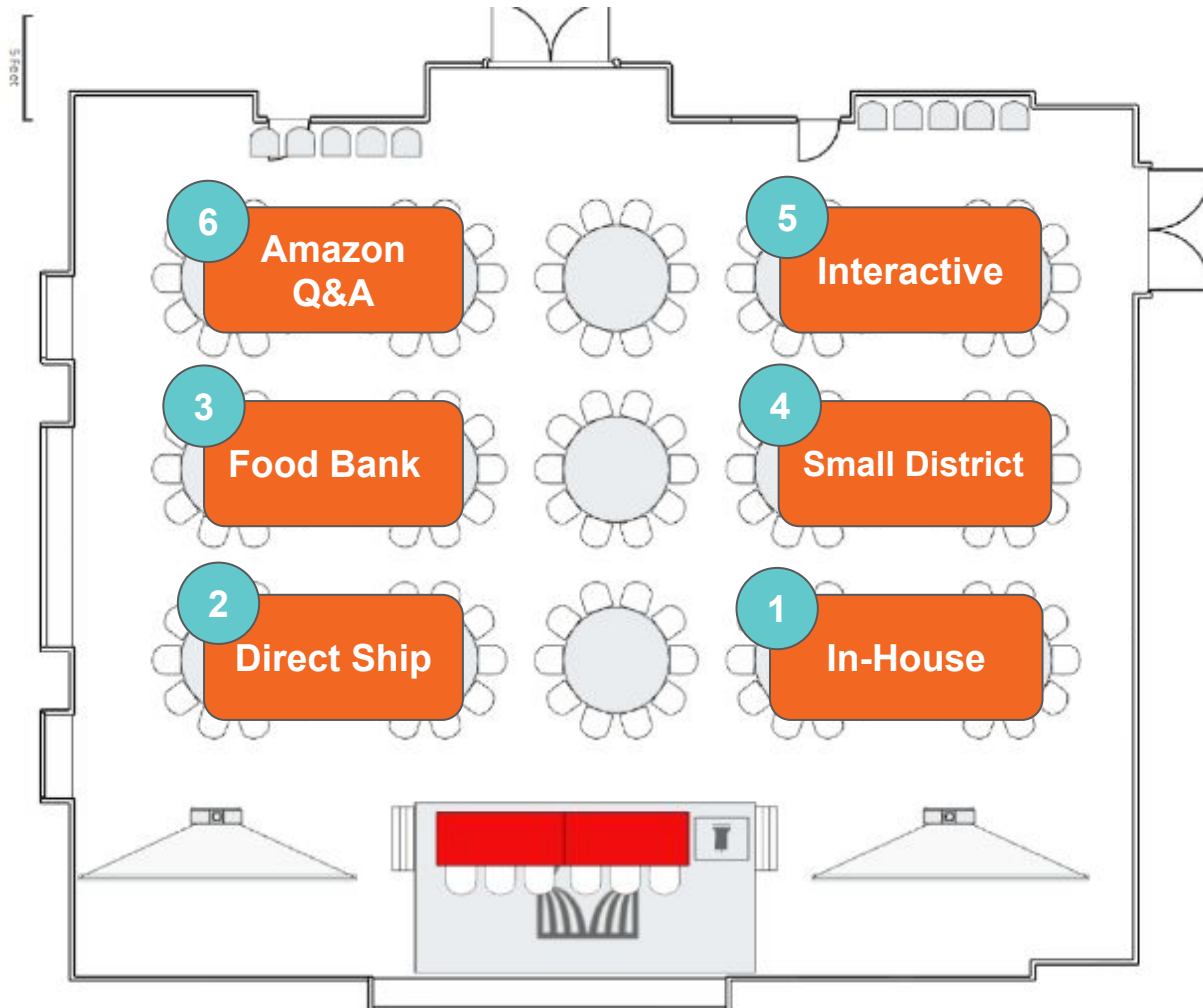


Which Model?



Breakouts – Learn more about models that interest you







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