

Summer Food Service Factsheet

Many children eat breakfast, lunch and after school snack at school. However, in summer they lose access to those nutritious school meals. Hunger in the summertime contributes to summer learning loss and obesity and keeps children from enjoying their summer break. Summer Meal Programs bridge the gap so that children can play and grow throughout the summer and return to school ready to learn.

Who can be a Summer Food Service Program sponsor?

Sponsors can be supervisory unions or school districts, private non-profit organizations, government entities, or non-profit residential camps. Sponsors enter into an agreement with the Agency of Education Child Nutrition Program to provide meals and file claims for reimbursement.

What are summer meal sites?

Sites are the physical location where meals are served and consumed. Sponsors often have more than one site. Examples of sites include schools, parks, housing complexes and libraries.

How are sponsors reimbursed?

Sponsors are reimbursed with USDA funds on a per-meal basis for meals served to eligible children. Sites established in low-income areas are “open” sites, where any child can eat a meal, no questions asked. Other types of sites must use individual child data to determine eligibility. Children who are members of 3SquaresVT or Reach Up households or meet the [income eligibility guidelines](#) are automatically eligible to receive free meals at these other sites.

Interested to become a sponsor or host a meal site?

Contact Jamie Curley at jamie.curley@vermont.gov or (802) 828-2010. Thank you for helping Vermont kids play, learn and grow by increasing access to nutritious summer meals!

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60 Sponsors • 273 Sites • 454,461 Nutritious Meals

