

GCFS Policy Sub-Committee, July 18, 2018

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Participation Food and Nutrition Department (FND)



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Purpose:

The Summer Food Service Program is designed to provide nutritious meals during school vacations and year-round track breaks to children from areas in which poor economic conditions exist. The term "children" is defined in the program regulations as persons 18 years of age and under and persons older than 18 who are mentally or physically disabled and participating in a public or nonprofit private school program established for individuals with disabilities.

Goals:

Fifteen percent increase in the number of meals served, sites where meals are served, and number of sponsoring organizations that have an agreement with the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

Status:

Participation for FY 2018 – as of July 11, 2018

Sponsors and Sites	Prior Year 2017 Actual	Current Year 2018 Projected	Current Year 2018 Actual	
			SFSP	SSO
Total Sponsors	28	32	27	2
Rural and/or Self-Prep Sites	190	218	184	--
Urban Vended Sites	90	103	70	--
Total Sites	280	321	254	95
July SFSP Average Daily Participation	7733	8893	TBD	TBD
July NSLP Seamless Summer Option Average Daily Participation	631	726	TBD	TBD

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Through the NDA Public Information Office (PIO), 10 additional banners were available to help children and families locate feeding sites in rural and urban areas. See the attached NDA PIO SFSP Marketing Plan for 2018.

Partners and Outreach

1. The most successful partners are our food banks that sponsor the program and offer meals at a variety of sites. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square expanded the program to areas where children can be found including apartment complexes and libraries.
2. Rural Development reached tried to find apartment complexes, libraries that would be willing to feed children but were unsuccessful.
3. SNAP-ED offered funding, but it was not needed.
4. The WIC Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Card (SEBTC) provides families with \$30 worth of healthy food (for purchase using an EBT card), per eligible student per month this summer at WIC approved grocery stores or supermarkets.
5. Ten banners from NDA were available to help children and families locate feeding sites in rural and urban areas. See the attached NDA SFSP Marketing Plan for 2018 from our Public Information Office (PIO).

Barriers:

1. Lack financial viability: Applicants that do not have enough financial resources are encouraged to participate in the program as a site.
2. Few facilities are able to prepare hot meals or receive hot food from meal vendors. Many cold menus lack variety. Children do not want to eat cold meal(s) every day and over time may stop coming to the sites. Some items usually served hot are not accepted when served cold. Sites are not allowed to use microwaves.
3. Heat is a major factor that impacts participation at open meal sites. Children are required to eat in a designated area and cannot take meals off site. On extremely hot days when meals are served outside in parks or other outdoor areas without shelter, each child may take the meal home as long as the sponsor saves documentation of an excessive heat warning.
4. Lack of transportation and resources to serve children in rural areas and tribes.
5. Parents may not allow children to come to feeding sites where there are concerns regarding community violence.