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HELP FEED HUNGRY KIDS THIS SUMMER! SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

While many children receive meals during the school year, very few in Ohio receive the nutritious meals needed to continue their growth and development during the summer months. Unfortunately, hunger doesn't take a summer vacation, so we can't take a vacation from *Feeding hungry minds and bodies®*.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Program Information:

- Provide children in your community with access to meals that have the same meal components as the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs.
- Serve up to two meals per day (any combination of breakfast, lunch and snack).
- Additional benefits are available for migrant sites and residential camps.

Types of Summer Food Service Sites:

- Closed, Enrolled Site: A site (school or community venue) where the nearest school building has a Free/Reduced rate below 50%. The site must have 50% or more of the enrolled students (Summer Intervention or other program) qualify for Free or Reduced-price meals.
- Open Site: A site (school or community venue) where the nearest school building has a Free/Reduced rate of 50% or above. This site is open to any child regardless of income. (Schools may also serve these sites under the National School Lunch Program Seamless Waiver.)

Why are our efforts to expand the availability of the Summer Food Service Program across Ohio so important?

Over 400,000 children in Ohio are hungry or at risk of hunger. The Summer Food Service Program is only reaching less than 13% of these children. During July 2005, 423,777 low-income children who received lunch during the school year did not receive meals in the summer. If the low-income children had received summer meals, the state could have accessed an estimated \$21,699,493 in additional federal funds to support the economy.

Children's Hunger Alliance works with schools, community-based organizations, churches, and governmental agencies to expand the use of the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). To participate in the Summer Food Service Program your agency must be a federal tax-exempt agency.

If you are interested in participating in the Summer Food Service Program please contact Children's Hunger Alliance at 1-800-227-6446.