

# Summer Food Service Program

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# Overview

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded, state administered program. USDA reimburses program operators who serve free, healthy meals and snacks to children and teens that meet the federal program meal pattern.

# Purpose

SFSP plays a critical role in providing food to children who would otherwise go hungry during the summer months.

When school lets out, 310,761 children in Nevada lose access to the free and reduced school meals they receive during the regular school year.

# Benefits

## The SFSP:

- Offers healthy meals to children during the summer months
- Attracts children to educational programming
- Provides an important funding stream to summer enrichment programs
- Supports local economies by bringing federal dollars into the state

# Program Impact

## **In the summer of 2023:**

- 523 sites operated SFSP
- 1,290,088 SFSP meals were served
- Sponsors received \$5,235,456.91 in reimbursement

# Program Requirements

- Sponsor Eligibility
- Site Eligibility
- Participant Eligibility
- Meal Service

# Non-Congregate Meals in Rural Areas

## From the December 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023:

- What constitutes a rural area?
- Sponsor criteria
- When non-congregate may be offered

# Current Barriers to Participation

## **Low program participation due to:**

- Lack of transportation to get children to meal sites
- Staff shortages
- Funding