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SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

FREE MEALS FOR KIDS AND YOUTH

We seek well-located, well-staffed, and enthusiastic partner sites in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Lake Counties.




THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Is a federally-funded, state-regulated program. Non-profit organizations like Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB) are able to offer free healthy meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school is out.

Second Harvest Food Bank has offered this program since 2008, partnering with over 200 locations in six counties. SHFB recruits community partners that offer activities or services to youth in our communities. SHFB enhances those activities by providing, fresh, nutritious meals.



PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES

A circular inset photograph showing a group of children and adults sitting around a long table outdoors, eating and talking. The setting appears to be a park or a community center with trees in the background.

The Summer Food Service Program partners are responsible for operating their sites and having trained staff or volunteers available to distribute the food at scheduled times. The Summer Food Service Program is a supplement to the work that partners are already doing. We provide the meals to your site which can increase participation, reduce program costs, and minimize issues associated with bringing a lunch to the site (e.g., allergies).

If you have 50 or more kids, we provide lunches and breakfasts. We seek sites that can serve 5 days per week while school is out for summer.

Partners will receive training on food safety and meal service requirements. All Partner sites must have refrigeration and be able to store food safely.

Sites are also required to have enough seating for their participants and a restroom with running water. If outdoors, the site must provide a back-up location that is sheltered in case of rain.

All meals must be served and consumed on-site.

Paperwork includes using a mobile app to tally the meals as they are handed-out to the participants in your programs.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN SFSP?

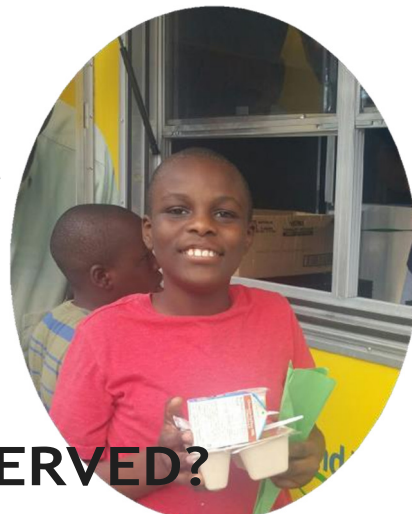
Any child or teen 18 and under can participate in the SFSP and no enrollment or eligibility information is collected. No child 18 or under can be turned away from receiving meals and civil rights are enforced. Sites must be in economically needy areas, as determined by nearby schools having 50% or greater free & reduced lunch rates, to participate in the SFSP. Organizations may include camps, parks, daycares, churches, apartment complexes, libraries, etc.



HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

If your organization is interested, please contact Santos Maldonado at SMaldonado@feedhopenow.org.

There is limited availability. We cannot guarantee participation. If selected, you will be invited to attend state-required training at Second Harvest Food Bank sometime in late April or early May.



WHAT KIND OF FOOD IS SERVED?

The best kind! We conduct focus groups with kids year-round to find out what they like best. We are also required to meet state guidelines to ensure kids are getting the best nutrition. Second Harvest Food Bank provides a varied menu of freshly prepared meals to encourage participation.



I WANT TO HELP, WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Volunteer! Our best SFSP sites have organized, well-run activities that keep the interest of the children and teens coming back to the site day after day. Some of these activities include arts and crafts, tutoring, mentoring, drama, sports, computer training, music, gardening, reading programs, cooking, or any other creative ideas you may have. Many sites have partnered with local fire and police departments, local celebrities, local businesses, government representatives and others.



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