

## The Summer Food Service Program in Maryland



## Partnership to End Childhood Hunger in Maryland

- In November 2008, Governor Martin O'Malley vowed to end childhood hunger in Maryland in five years.
- The Governor's Office for Children, in collaboration with Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign, is the lead state agency in this effort – heading a coalition of organizations and agencies working to end childhood hunger in the state.

## Hunger in Maryland

Many families in our state struggle to afford enough healthy food for their families.

In 2011 more than 75 % of Maryland's low-income public school children – almost 259,000 students – depend on the National School Lunch Program for free or reduced price meals every day.

## Hunger in the summer

For many of these children, the end of the school year means losing access to the healthy meals they count on.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) can fill the summer hunger gap, and consequently help combat childhood obesity and summer learning loss.



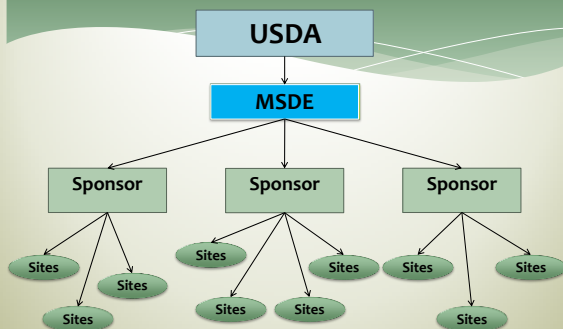
## The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- ✓ Provides nutritious meals and snacks to low-income children (age 18 and under) when school is not in session.
- ✓ Is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- ✓ Is administered in Maryland by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

## Why participate in the SFSP?

- It offers an opportunity to ensure all the kids in your community have access to nutritious meals when school is out.
- You can increase participation in and success of summer programs.
- You can bring more federal funding to your program, and to Maryland.

## SFSP at a Glance



## Sponsors

Sponsors are responsible for most of the planning, management, and record-keeping duties related to the SFSP.

This includes:

- ✓ Training
- ✓ Site visits
- ✓ Providing information about food service regulations at each site

## What is a summer food site?

“Sites” are places where children come together or congregate during the summer.

Sites do not need to provide enrichment or educational activities, although many do.

## Sites

Meals and snacks can be served at:

Schools	Parks	Recreation centers
Housing complexes	Community programs	Faith-based programs

Sites are responsible for:

Supervising meal service	Keeping a record of meals served	Ensuring food safety
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## Types of sites

**Enrolled sites** serve only children enrolled in an organization’s summer program.

**Open sites** provide meals to any child age 18 or younger.

## Qualifying to serve summer meals

**Enrolled Sites** can qualify for the SFSP by being located in a low-income area (where at least 50% of children are eligible for free and reduced price school meals) OR by showing that at least half the children *enrolled in the program* are eligible for free and reduced price school meals.

**Open Sites** can qualify for the SFSP by being located in a low-income area where at least half the children in the area are eligible for free or reduced price school meals.

## Success Story

**Site:** Nanjemoy Community & Senior Center  
**Sponsor:** Charles County Public Schools



## Requirements of sites

- ✓ Attend the sponsor's annual training session
- ✓ Provide site supervision
- ✓ Distribute meals in accordance with SFSP guidelines
- ✓ Keep daily records of meals served
- ✓ Store food appropriately
- ✓ Keep the site clean and sanitary

## Outreach

**FREE Summer Meals**  
for children and teens  
**COMIDAS DE VERANO GRATIS**  
para niños y adolescentes

[nokidhungrymd.org](http://nokidhungrymd.org) / 1-877-731-9300

**El Programa de Servicios Alimentarios de Niños y Adolescentes COMIDAS GRATIS** para niños y adolescentes cuenta con el apoyo de:

**Walmart**

**nokidhungrymd.org**  
1-877-731-9300

**FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN & TEENS**

To find a summer meals site close to you, call 1-877-731-9300 or log on to [nokidhungrymd.org](http://nokidhungrymd.org)

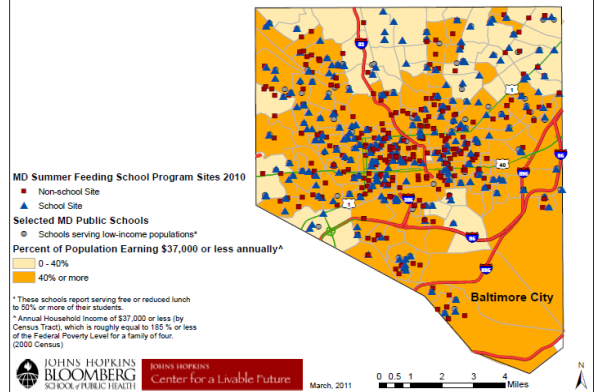
Walmart and other major retailers also provide limited quantities of Summer Meal Kits.

**COMIDAS DE VERANO GRATIS PARA NIÑOS Y ADOLESCENTES**

Para encontrar un lugar de comidas de verano cerca de usted, llame 1-877-731-9300 o visite [nokidhungrymd.org](http://nokidhungrymd.org)

Algunos supermercados y otros minoristas también ofrecen kits de comidas de verano.

Summer Food Service Program Sites and Population in Poverty, Baltimore City, Maryland 2010



## Questions?

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Your guide to the Summer Food Service Program:

[http://mdhungersolutions.org/pdf/sfsp\\_guide\\_2011\\_mdhs.pdf](http://mdhungersolutions.org/pdf/sfsp_guide_2011_mdhs.pdf)

### Maryland State Department of Education

(410) 767 - 0214

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/schoolnutrition/docs/Free+and+Reduced-Price+Meal+Data>

## To find a summer meal site near you...

**Call: 1-877-731-9300**

**or visit:**

**[www.nokidhungrymd.org](http://www.nokidhungrymd.org)**

## Thank you...



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