



Summer Break Café



Fact Sheet

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded, state-administered program. The program ensures that children continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer, when they do not have access to school meals. The SFSP in South Carolina is named the Summer Break Café and is administered by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE).

Who can participate?

Children and teens 18 and younger. Persons who are 19 years of age and over who is determined by a state or local educational agency to have a mental or physical, and who participates during the school year in a public or private nonprofit school program established for the mentally or physically disabled, is also eligible to receive meals.

What is the structure of the program?

There are three main players involved: USDA (United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) SCDE, sponsors, and sites.

- USDA provide the funding and oversight to SCDE.
- SCDE administers the program and provide oversight, training and technical assistance to the sponsors.
- Sponsors enter into an agreement with SCDE to operate a food service program. Approved schools, local government agencies, camps, faith-based and other non-profit community organizations can be sponsors and are reimbursed for meals that are served at various locations called sites.
- Sites are places in the community where children receive meals in a safe and supervised environment such as schools, parks, community centers, health clinics, hospitals, apartment complexes, churches, and migrant centers. They are managed by the sponsors and when school is out for the summer.

How can your organization participate?

- Become a sponsor
- Become a meal site
- Become a food vendor
- Become a volunteer

Where are sites located?

Sites are in an area where at least 50% of children are eligible for free or reduced priced meals based on

- Census Data
- School Data
- Or at least 50% of children enrolled in program must be eligible for free or reduced priced meals.

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