



# SUMMER TIMES

A Newsletter for SFSP Sponsors in Indiana

June 2015 Part 2

This email is to provide sponsors with updated and helpful information on the Summer Food Service Program in the State of Indiana.

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Robo calls are a great way to spread the word about the availability of summer meals in your area. The USDA has put out a robo call script that can be used by school principals. The script includes the 1-866-3-HUNGRY number for locating summer meals. The script is attached to this email.

#### **Robo Call Script for School Principals**

Hello, this is (NAME) Principal of (SCHOOL).

I am calling about a summer program that serves free meals to children when school is out.

The Summer Food Service Program is a great option for parents who are concerned about feeding their children now that school meals are no longer available.

Children need good nutrition during the summer months so they can return in the fall nourished and ready to learn.

So please call 1-866-3-HUNGRY for assistance locating free and nutritious summer meals.

That's a national toll-free line that can help you find a summer program near you.

Again, that number is 1-866-348-6479.

Thank you and I hope you and your family have a fun and safe summer.

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## Transportation Support

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service wants to continue increasing the number of summer meals served to children. The success of a summer meals program in some areas of the country, especially rural, is based on whether or not transportation is available to get children to meal sites, or meals to where children are. USDA is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation [Federal Transit Administration](#) (FTA) and [National Center for Mobility Management](#) (NCMM) to provide summer meals sponsoring organizations with guidance on how to receive transportation support and funding, if it will improve their summer meals program.

Representatives from the Food and Nutrition Service, Federal Transit Administration and National Center for Mobility Management will contact them after receiving their Request Form.

Transportation Support Request: <https://usdafnsocco.wufoo.com/forms/usda-summer-meals-transportation-support-request/>

The FNS national partner lead on this partnership effort is Tony Craddock, Jr. Should there be questions moving forward with the FTA and NCMM technical assistance, please contact both Judy Shanley at [jshanley@easterseals.com](mailto:jshanley@easterseals.com) and Ron Maynard at [Ronald.maynard@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Ronald.maynard@fns.usda.gov).

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## SFSP Kick-Off Events

East Washington Community Schools had a slip-sliding good time at their SFSP kick-off event!



School City of Hobart planned a big event with the help of the Indiana Fever FIT Clinic. The event promoted healthy eating and physical activity and included community partners including Hobart City Parks, YMCA, the Girl Scouts, Purdue Extension, the local Black Belt Karate Academy and St Mary Medical Center.



Community Harvest Food Bank in Ft Wayne had a successful Kick-Off Event on June 13. The Mayor of New Haven Terry McDonald helped to serve meals along with Parks Department Superintendent Mike Clendenen. The fire house brought an engine out along with the local EMS ambulance. A band played music while children were able to play volleyball, baseball, play on the playground or enjoy a jump in the bounce house. The humidity and impending rain didn't stop Dairy Council mascot Buttercup and the USDA Power Panther from making an appearance either! Sixth generation dairy farmer Mr. Kuehnert along with State Agency Area Field Consultant Beth Flesher, SFSP Specialist Tina Skinner and Monitoring Coordinator Marcia Yurczyk had a great time supporting the event.





### Have Pictures to Share?

We would love to post your pictures in next month's Summer Times!

Please email them to [gpentzer@doe.in.gov](mailto:gpentzer@doe.in.gov) with a brief description of the event in the photos.

Please remember that photos showing direct shots of program participants' faces requires a media release to be signed by the parent or guardian.



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