

Restricting the Number of Sites New Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)  
Sponsors are Approved to Operate

PURPOSE: To clarify our position on the total number of sites a new private non-profit Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsor is approved to operate.

SCOPE: New Private non-profit agencies participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

DESCRIPTION: The new private non-profit SFSP sponsors may administer the program for one or more meal sites within participating communities, but depending on the fiscal viability and administrative capability of the sponsor may be limited to a total of three (3) sites. SFSP Sponsors are responsible for all financial and administrative aspects of the program including: hiring, training, and supervising program staff, monitoring sites, arranging the meal preparation and delivery to the sites, and submitting reimbursement claims. The sponsors must ensure adherence to all USDA regulations pertaining to the SFSP which imposes a considerable financial and administrative burden on sponsoring organizations. As a result the State Agency reserves a right to limit the total number of sites to a maximum of three (3) during the first year of the program operations allowing the future expansion when a successful SFSP administration has been established and demonstrated.

Since sponsors assume administrative and financial responsibility for the SFSP in their community, it is necessary that they fully comply with the regulations and requirements before expanding their operations. Supporting new sponsors during the application process as well as throughout the first year of operation is critical so that the potential problems can be identified and addressed in a timely manner, and limiting sites allows us to provide assistance more effectively.

This requirement does not pertain to new Public or Private Schools or other Public sponsors applying to become the SFSP sponsor.

SOURCE: Indiana Department of Education, School and Community Nutrition