

# DUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP) AND SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)

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## **Purpose**

To clarify acceptable CACFP and SFSP dual participation

## **Scope**

Institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

## **Description**

Simultaneous participation in both CACFP and SFSP for the same children and same meals is not allowed. Both the CACFP and the SFSP are federally funded programs that provide meals to needy children. The CACFP provides meals for children in day care centers, family day care homes, outside school hour care centers, at-risk afterschool meal programs, and emergency/homeless shelters year-round. The SFSP provides meals when school is out of session for longer than 10 days at sites such as schools, camps, or community settings where needy children congregate.

CACFP institutions that have not substantially changed their program activities or have not significantly increased the enrollment may not be approved to participate in the SFSP.

Other unallowable practices include but are not limited to:

1. CACFP centers or homes obtaining meals from a SFSP site for enrolled CACFP children.
2. Discontinuing the CACFP participation to operate the SFSP with the intent of continuing the CACFP after the SFSP ends (except for CACFP programs that do not operate in the summer such as at-risk afterschool meals).

However, there are some situations where dual participation may be allowable. These situations are as follows:

1. The CACFP institution may be approved as a SFSP sponsor or site if there have been sufficient changes in the program activities or enrollment or a separate food service program is developed for children who are not enrolled in the CACFP, and meet the SFSP eligibility criteria.
2. Sponsors that are approved for both the CACFP and SFSP must ensure that the same children are not served meals in both programs and separate records must be kept for each program.
3. At-risk afterschool meals programs or other situations where the participation in the CACFP is solely during the school year and CACFP meal reimbursement discontinues when school is not in session.

## **Sources**

Indiana Department of Education, School and Community Nutrition