



SUMMER TIMES

A Newsletter for SFSP Sponsors in Indiana

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

Thank you for your participation in the Indiana Summer Food Service Program!

While our office is still in the process of gathering the data, here is the 2014 SFSP by the numbers:

260 Approved Sponsors

1424 Approved Sites

A special shout out goes to our **28 New Sponsors** in the following Indiana counties:

Allen	East Allen Family Resource Center, Inc.
Boone	Lebanon Area Boys & Girls Club
Brown	Brown County Schools
Clark	YMCA of Southern Indiana Inc
Delaware	Wes-Del Community School Corporation
Grant	Madison-Grant United School Corp
Greene	Eastern Greene Schools
Henry	South Henry School Corp
Lake	My Sisters and Me Ministries
Lake	Gary Lighthouse Charter School
Lake	City Baptist Schools, Hammond
Madison	South Madison Community Schools
Madison	Alexandria Community School Corp
Marion	Top Child Development Ministry
Marion	Aftercare for Indiana Through Mentoring
Marion	University Heights Preparatory Academy

Marion	Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter School
Marion	Monument Lighthouse Charter School
Marion	Phalen Academy
Morgan	Eminence Community Schools
Porter	Valparaiso Community Schools
Steuben	Fremont Community Schools
Steuben	Hamilton Community Schools
Sullivan	Southwest School Corp
Switzerland	Switzerland County School Corp
Tiptecanoe	Lafayette School Corporation
Wayne	Nettle Creek School Corp
Louisville, KY	Dare to Care, Inc.- Operating in Indiana Floyd and Clark Counties

CACFP At-Risk Suppers

There is still a need once school starts!

If you are interested in serving afterschool snacks or suppers as part of an enrichment/educational program, the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program has a simplified application process for Sponsors participating on the Summer Food Service Program.

More information can be found at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/nutrition/cacfp-risk-afterschool-programs> or contact Heather Stinson at 317-232-0869 or hstinson@doe.in.gov.

Success in Small Packages

Since Indiana Summer Food Service Program sponsors represent a wide variety of organizations and communities, we wanted to highlight this time some SFSP achievements that came in “small packages”. Nonetheless, these made a great impact in many lives they touched.

Eminence Community Schools

Eminence is a small community in northwest Morgan County with a population of approximately 3000 people. Total enrollment for the entire school corporation is around 425 students. With the support of the Superintendent and School Board, the Food Service Director Chris Wheeler decided this was a good time to start operating the Summer Food Service Program. At the conclusion of their SFSP operations, the school is very pleased with the participation they experienced during their first year on the program, serving 642 meals in the 19 days they operated. The school was also serving meals for two weeks with no planned activities in the building, followed with the summer school classes for the high school

students. Participation was relatively steady for all 4 weeks although the attendance was a bit higher during the weeks of summer school.

To advertise her free summer meals program, Chris advertised in the local newspaper and on the radio, utilized the school message system, hung up fliers in the local businesses and put up yard signs in the school yard. According to Chris, her biggest challenge this summer was the unknown - the fear of not having anyone show up or not having enough food prepared for those who did show up. When asked what she was most pleased with, Chris responded, "We were proud that we had the same families come back each day. Often times, we had adults in our community stop in for lunch, too. It was nice to have that "social time" for an hour for people in the community."

Chris also received donations from community partners to pay for adult meals for those who could not afford it or didn't have money for their meal. Additionally, the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) offered Chris vegetables grown in their garden which were incorporated into the SFSP menu. This community partnership was yet another way to give students some additional ownership in the program.

Next year, Chris plans to incorporate with the SFSP some free activities such as reading time and crafts and invite different community organizations to come in and talk with students.

Great job Chris and her staff, on cultivating interest and participation from the entire Eminence community to support this important feeding program!



Union School Corporation

Union School Corporation experienced success with their Summer Food Service Program! Union School Corp is located in Modoc, IN in Randolph County, near the Ohio border. The area of Modoc has a population of around 2000 people and the school system has a total enrollment of just under 400 students.

The corporation has operated the SFSP since 2011. An interesting fact about the summer meals in Modoc is that many children in this tiny community attended the meal service site with a grandparent or older adult. This may be credited to the discounted senior meal price of \$2.50. Additionally, free books

from the local library were given away to the program participants. This summer, attendance was steadily around 25 students each day.

While their program success could be attributed to several factors, including the fact that there are no fast-food restaurants or any other dining options in the area and the elementary school has more than half of their students on free/reduced school lunch program, this serves as evidence that the SFSP is meeting a need for a group of low-income children who otherwise would go without. Keep up the great work in Modoc!



School City of Hammond

The School City of Hammond Book mobile brought along for the ride Clifford, the Big Red Dog. Below are some snapshots of his visit at Harrison Park in Hammond, IN as he hung out with kids during the Summer Food Service Program meal service.



Wrapping Up Summer Financially



Please make sure you have all of your ducks in a row as you wrap up the financial part of your SFSP.

Keep in mind that the following are unallowable program costs:

- Non-program adult meals
- Meals served in violation of program requirements
- Food purchased for non-SFSP use
- Delivery costs associated with vended meals
- Bad debt, loans or legal fees
- Building materials, entertainment and fundraising costs
- Purchase or rent of land, buildings or renovations to existing structures

If you have any left-over/surplus funds from the 2014 operating season that money must be carefully accounted for and reported to the State Agency. This balance may be re-invested into next year's program or if you plan to not return as a sponsor, returned to the State Agency. Any excess funds must be accounted for and reported on your annual SFSP budget (including the Budget form in the CNPweb) prior to next year's operations.

Schools ONLY: You may reinvest any SFSP left-over funds into your school lunch program, but please remember that you may only use these dollars toward allowable NSLP/SBP expenditures.

REMINDER: If the State Agency conducted/will conduct an administrative review of your SFSP operations, sponsors must reply to the review findings letter within the allowed time period in order to not jeopardize their future SFSP participation.

Contact your Field Consultant or our office, if you have any questions or concerns.



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