

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Established since 1975, the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free meals to children from low income families so they may receive the same high quality nutrition during school vacations that they get in school cafeterias during the school year. Continued nutrition helps children return to school after summer ready to learn.

WHAT IS SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM?

The SFSP is a federally funded program operated nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered in Pennsylvania by the Department of Education. Non-profit organizations may sponsor the program and receive reimbursement for qualifying meals served to eligible children.

There is a great need for the SFSP, particularly in those areas of the Commonwealth where many children are eligible for free or reduced price school meals.

Methods to locate sites that serve free meals to children during the summer include the following:

- Call 211
- Call 1.866.3Hungry or 1.877.8Hambre
- Text "MEALPA" to 877877 during the summer months
- Visit the website: www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks (note, this replaces the whyhunger.org website)
- Use the site locator for smartphones - Rangeapp.org