



## SFSP Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)?**

The SFSP is a Child Nutrition Program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that provides free and nutritious meals to children 18 years old and younger during the summer when school is not in session. The program was created to ensure that children in low-income areas could continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to school lunch or breakfast.

### **How do children get access to SFSP meals?**

Organizations (including nonprofits, local governments, colleges/universities, etc.) enter into an agreement with the DECAL to provide administrative and operational support of the program in their communities. (For-profit entities are ineligible to serve as sponsors in the SFSP.) Sponsors receive reimbursements for meals served that meet USDA crediting guidelines. Reimbursements are determined every year by USDA. For 2016 reimbursement rates, please visit: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/documents/attachments/SFSPReimbursementRates.pdf>.

### **Where do children get access to SFSP meals?**

A site is the physical location, approved by DECAL, where SFSP meals are served during a supervised time. Common SFSP site locations include:

- Schools
- Recreation Centers/Parks
- Churches
- Community Centers
- Public Housing
- Day Camps
- Libraries

### **Get Involved!**

If you are interested in participating in the Summer Food Service Program and would like more information on how you can impact your community, visit <http://dec.al.ga.gov/BftS/SFSPInformation.aspx>. If you would like to register for SFSP Training, contact Leslie Truman at 404.657.1779.