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Year-Round Food Program: Transitioning from CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Programs to Summer Food Service Program (AR)

All children deserve the opportunity to reach their potential, and nothing is more fundamental to their development than having consistent access to healthy meals. Summer can be a difficult time for families with children, and that can impact the whole community. Summer can be the hungriest time of the year for many kids from low-income families. In Wisconsin, 1 in 5 kids struggle with hunger. Only 16% of kids who qualify for free/reduced price school lunch are also getting summer meals. The good news: There are

programs in place that can feed hungry children when school is not in session.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides funding to serve free nutritious meals and snacks to children at sites in low-income areas (where half of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals) or that serve primarily low-income children. Sites can be summer programs, parks, swimming pools, schools, low-income housing complexes, churches, and other places where children gather during the summer. Most sites can provide up to two meals a day to children aged 18 and younger.

CACFP at-risk sites are in a good position to transition to the SFSP at the end of the school year. Participation in both the SFSP and the At-Risk Afterschool component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are encouraged to benefit both the organization and communities by providing year-round services to children. Check out this program [comparison chart](#) developed by the Food Research & Action Center.

Visit the DPI Summer Food Service Program - [Join the SFSP](#) webpage for more information and if interested in transitioning your At-risk site to SFSP, contact Amy Kolano, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Coordinator at (608) 266-7124 or Amy.Kolano@dpi.wi.gov.

Help spread the word about Summer meals. To find a [summer meal site location](#) near the children you serve.

Sponsors of At-Risk Afterschool Sites that Participate in NSLP and/or SFSP (AR)

CACFP regulations permit the following flexibilities for sponsors of At-Risk Afterschool Program sites that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):

Monitoring Requirements

- **Pre-operational visits:** Sponsors are not required to complete pre-operational visits at sites participating in the NSLP or SFSP prior to the beginning of CACFP operations.
- **Reviews:**
 - School Food Authorities: Refer to [School Food Authority Monitoring Options](#).
 - Non-School Food Authority SFSP Sponsors: The three required CACFP reviews may be completed as follows: two reviews may be completed for CACFP, and one review may be completed during the summer for SFSP, prior to the end of the fourth week of SFSP operation to assess compliance with the SFSP requirements. If the agency has not met the CACFP site review requirements, the third site review

conducted during the summer must meet the unannounced and meal service observation requirements.

Order Team Nutrition Materials in Print (ALL)

Program operators, and sponsoring organizations that participate in the USDA's Child Nutrition Programs can request free print copies of our materials, while supplies last.

For National Garden Month in April

- [Dig In! Poster Set](#)
- Grow It, Try It, Like It! for [Child Care Homes](#) | [Child Care Centers](#)

Back in Stock!

- Discover MyPlate Emergent Readers: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Elementary School Posters](#)
- [Middle School Posters](#)

Go NAPSACC (ALL)

[Go NAPSACC](#) works with child care providers to improve the health of young children through practices, policies, and environments that instill habits supporting lifelong health and well-being. Early education programs can learn more about how to improve their nutrition and physical activity practices by using a self-assessment tool and developing a quality improvement plan specific to nutrition and physical activity. Programs interested in using the GO NAPSACC tools can [enroll](#) to receive help from a Go NAPSACC Consultant.

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REMINDER: Claim Submission Deadlines: Federal regulations impose a claim submission deadline of 60 calendar days after the last day of the month for which the claim applies. For DPI's CACFP Claim Submission Deadlines visit [Claim Submission Deadlines](#).

Contact your [assigned CACFP consultant](#) with questions about the items in the bulletin, or other CACFP questions.

Do you have new staff working with the CACFP? Check out this resource [New Staff Responsibilities for CACFP](#).

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Program Abbreviation Key
CC=Child Care
AR=At Risk
FDCH: Family Day Care Home
HS: Head Start

ES: Emergency Shelters
SO: Sponsoring Organizations
OS: Outside of School Hours Care
ADC: Adult Day Care
ALL: Applies to all types

The abbreviation key identifies each type of program in the CACFP. Each section above identifies who the information applies to when implementing the CACFP. If your type of program is not listed in a section, it does not apply.

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