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Summer Food Service Program seeking sponsors to provide healthy meals to children

Program offers meals to children and teens in low-income and rural areas during summer months

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction today announced it is seeking sponsors to provide meals to children living in economically disadvantaged and rural areas in Wisconsin through its Summer Food Service Program.

Through partnerships and creative collaboration, school districts work with area organizations to extend the SFSP beyond summer school programs to serve more children in need. Sponsors can be public or private, nonprofit school food authorities or nonprofit summer camps, units of local, municipal, county, tribal, or state governments, private nonprofit organizations (special considerations and restrictions apply), and public or private colleges or universities currently participating in the National Youth Sports and Precollege Programs. Local school districts combining meal programs with summer school sessions are among the most common program sponsors. In addition, qualifying organizations may now sponsor a noncongregate meal service for children in rural areas who are not being served through a congregate meal program. If interested in applying to be a sponsor, individuals must contact the must contact the program coordinator and complete the SFSP application no later than June 15, 2024. For more information on the SFSP, visit the DPI's website.

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