

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

2022 Annual Report

The Utah State Board of Education Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) administers several federal food programs and sub programs, appropriated under United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and administered by Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). The federal food programs are primarily designed to ensure sponsors have the necessary knowledge and resources to enable them to provide children and chronically disabled adults access to safe and healthy meals. During the school year of 2022, Child Nutrition Programs throughout Utah played a critical role in continuing to provide meals to children during extraordinary circumstances. These programs include:

- School Nutrition Programs
 - National School Lunch Program
 - School Breakfast Program
 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
 - Afterschool Snack Program
 - Seamless Summer Option
 - Special Milk Program
- Food Distribution Program
 - USDA Foods in Schools
 - TEFAP
- Community Nutrition Programs
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program
 - Childcare Centers
 - Family Daycare Homes
 - Adult Daycare Centers
 - At Risk Afterschool Meal Program
 - Summer Food Service Program
- Pandemic EBT Program

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Child Nutrition Programs Operation Periods

CNP operates on three different fiscal years. These schedules are noted throughout the report for context.

- Calendar Year or January 1st December 30th
- Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) or October 1st September 30th
- State Fiscal Year (SFY) or June 1st July 30th

Supporting the Mission of the Utah State Board of Education

The Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) annual report is intended to support the mission and goals of the Utah State Board of Education.

Mission: Student Success

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) leads by creating equitable conditions for student success: advocating for necessary resources, developing policy, and providing effective oversight and support.

USBE Strategic Plan Goals

I. Early Learning – Each student starts strong through early grades with a foundation in literacy in numeracy.

II. Personalized Teaching and Learning – Each student and educator has access to personalized teaching and learning experiences

III. Safe and Healthy Schools – Each student learns in a safe and healthy school environment.

IV. Effective Educators and Leaders – Each student is taught by effective educators

who are supported by effective school leaders.

CNP is Essential to the Success of the Boards' Mission and Goals

As the administering agency, the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) is charged with the proper oversight and stewardship of these programs. Child Nutrition Programs core objectives are to:

- 1. Protect the integrity of Child Nutrition Programs with effective and efficient monitoring.
- 2. Support sponsors in their implementation of USDA Child Nutrition Programs.
- 3. Coordinate and manage program data and information for USDA, USBE/Utah, and other stakeholders.
- 4. Foster a workplace culture that support employee satisfaction, wellbeing, and productivity.

The Essential Role of CNP During the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic

As a response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, state agencies, public and private schools, community programs, and advocacy groups worked together to continue program operations that provided meals, snacks, fresh fruits, and vegetables to children throughout Utah.

Pandemic EBT

Operates on FFY

SY2022 and Summer 2022

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127; the Act), as amended, authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children without access to meals in school and to certain SNAP-enrolled children in childcare during the public health emergency declared on January 27, 2020. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act.

To operate P-EBT for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 and summer 2022, each state was required to submit a state plan to the USDA FNS Regional Office for approval. Joint efforts were made between the Utah State Board of Education and Department of Workforce Services to implement state P-EBT plans.

State Plans Approved by USDA FNS:

- P-EBT School Programs Plan | Plan Approval 3/4/2022
- <u>P-EBT Child Care Programs Plan</u> | <u>Plan Approval</u> 6/6/2022
- <u>P-EBT Summer Plan</u> | <u>Plan Approval</u> 6/16/2022

Support for P-EBT Provided by CNP

P-EBT provided households with an Electronic Benefit Card (EBT card) with a calculated value as outlined in the state approved plan. With an approved data sharing agreement from the USBE Board of Education in place, USBE Child Nutrition Programs staff dedicated over 1,340 hours (about 2 months) of work that resulted in:

- P-EBT to be established with collaboration between USBE, DWS, and community advocacy groups,
- The Utah State plan to be submitted and approved by USDA,
- Public and LEA communications and resources developed.

The Department of Workforce Services reported P-EBT data to USDA Food and Nutrition Services. The report, Pandemic EBT Program Participation and Benefits, Monthly State Level P-EBT Participation & Benefits FY20-FY22 is posted on the USDA webpage <u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap</u>.

Waivers & Policy Guidance

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued several nationwide waivers and state waiver requests as a response to the novel coronavirus pandemic. USDA-FNS issued 24 new nationwide waivers specific to Child Nutrition Programs between July 2021 and June 2022. Utah chose to opt into all USDA waivers available. The use of USDA waivers allowed all program sponsors with eligible sites to provide meals at no charge for children aged 18 and under from July 2021 through June 2022.

Utah submitted waivers for additional flexibilities to the Child Nutrition Programs not covered in the USDA national waivers. These waivers are located on the USDA FNS website, Utah: COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities, <u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-guidance-</u> <u>coronavirus-pandemic-ebt-pebt</u>.

Funding

Supply Chain Assistance Funds

Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds provide additional funding to address ongoing supply chain challenges experienced by school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP). The funds are available through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) as authorized under the CCC Charter Act [15 U.S.C. 714]. USBE will distribute SCA funds to SFAs for the exclusive purchase of unprocessed and minimally processed domestic foods. The period of performance expires September 30, 2023. Utah's fund disbursement plan was approved using statutory calculations, as of August 2022 a total of \$9,723,433 was provided to SFAs.

CN Emergency Funds

Child Nutrition Emergency Operating Costs Reimbursement Programs

Pursuant to Section 722 of P.L. 116-260, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Title VII, Chapter 3 (the Act), the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has offered additional funds to State agencies administering the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to provide local operators of those programs with additional reimbursements for emergency operating costs they incurred during the public health emergency. These additional funds were provided by way of two temporary reimbursement programs, the School Programs Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program.

School Programs Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program: 10.555 Child and Adult Care Food Program Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program: 10.558

Utah's plan was approved using statutory calculations, over \$2,417,187.18 were distributed to 102 school program sponsors with the August claim for reimbursement. Funds for 131 CACFP sponsors were distributed September 2021 totaling \$934,178.38. An additional \$390,303.37 has been authorized for Family Day Care Home Sponsors and Providers pending final authorizations.

TEFAP COVID Bonus Funds

Emergency funding streams were issued by USDA FNS to the state agency and were considered bonus funds, not entitlement. The totals below reflect what Utah was awarded in FFY22 by USDA FNS.

• Build Back Better Funding \$\$662,920

COVID-19 Technical Assistance and Training

The CNP department participated in bi-weekly and monthly calls with the USDA southwest regional office for guidance in program operations. This guidance was communicated to program sponsors via email, individual calls, and town hall video conference calls. Information on the USDA mapping tool of sites operating meal programs in Utah was distributed to program sponsors, local hunger advocacy groups, and community partners. The tool was used to assist families in locating sites to obtain meals for their children. Weekly reports were submitted to USDA Food and Nutrition Services from the state CNP department to provide updated site information to the public.

USBE CNP SERVICES AND ROLE

Monitoring

USDA Food and Nutrition Service requires program sponsor and site compliance reviews. Review requirements vary depending on the program. CNP staff are required to assess

financial viability, administrative capability, and program accountability. Sponsor compliance is assessed through off-site and on-site visits. Monitoring is conducted in accordance with USDA and state requirements.

Training and Technical Assistance

CNP staff provide training and technical assistance as required by federal regulations in multiple modalities to help ensure compliance and improved program operation. CNP offers statewide, regional, web-based, and one-on-one on-site training to program sponsors. CNP has created a library of program training information that is available online to participants via Canvas. Using Canvas, CNP is also able to make program announcements and store forms.

State Audits and Federal Management

CNP typically receives at least one audit from the state auditor's office each year. USDA Regional and National Offices regularly perform Management and Performance Evaluations (ME) on the programs. These evaluations are exhaustive and assess state program oversight including payments made to sponsors. MEs involve one to three months of preparation to answer off-site questions and produce supporting documentation to the USDA Regional Office (RO) prior to the week-long on-site review. State agencies may have as many as five MEs (NSLP, SFSP, CACFP, FDP, Finance) in a single program year.

Training and Professional Learning for State Agency Staff

USDA programs go through federal re-authorization every five years. The dramatic changes to federal regulation and guidance create a need for communication with the USDA Regional Office, National Office, and other states.

To ensure program continuity, compliance, and development, USDA provides states program training through conferences, policy, webinars, and conference calls. In addition, national professional associations host regional and national training events each year. Many events provide multiple training tracks offered at the same time tailoring content to different programs and assignment areas.

These events provide CNP management and staff valuable opportunities to learn program requirements and network with USDA experts and colleagues in other states performing

similar duties and assignments. USDA provides state agencies, state administrative expense funds, and CACFP audit funds which allow the use of travel expenses.

State/Federal Reporting Requirements

State agencies are required to submit multiple state and federal reports on a monthly, quarterly, annual, and ad hoc basis. Child Nutrition Programs are often the subject of national participation studies and demonstration projects accompanied by mandatory state and sponsor level reporting and data collection requirements.

State Partnerships and Collaboration

Child Nutrition Programs regularly partner with other agencies, groups, and organizations to maximize a positive collective impact.

CNP maintains several websites providing information to the public, facilitate collaboration with partners and sponsors, highlight staff and sponsor accomplishments, make announcements, identify program resources, and provide tips and best practices for sponsors. These websites include:

- USBE CNP webpages-for general program information at <u>https://schools.utah.gov/cnp</u>,
- CNPWeb for program management and payments,
- CANVAS for web training, document library, and electronic program resources.
- Start Smart Utah Program at https://startsmartutah.org

CNP Initiatives

FARM TO FORK

This is an unfunded USDA initiative that seeks to provide training and resources to child nutrition operators to increase the consumption of fresh, safe, and healthy local foods. This program also emphasizes nutrition education regarding community foods systems. CNP currently leads the Utah Farm to Fork Task Force, bringing together a group of community organizations, agricultural stakeholders, program sponsors, and other state agencies to work together to expand this program in our state. More information can be found by visiting the following link: http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/fact-sheets or the Utah Farm to Fork website https://www.utfarmtofork.org/.

HEALTHIER CACFP AWARD

The Healthier Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Award is a recognition system that supports the wellness efforts of childcare providers, center staff, and home providers (referred to as "caregiver" going forward) participating in CACFP. Caregivers going above and beyond the program requirements by taking steps to improve the menus, physical activity, professional development, nutrition, wellness environment, and/or infant care can apply for an award in one or more of these categories. Three award levels are offered: Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors.

SCHOOL MEAL ENHANCEMENT REIMBURSEMENT

Effective May 2020 Utah Code 53E-3-510 required the USBE Board to set specific standards for state reimbursement. The standards from Board Rule R277-727 outline that National School Lunch Program sponsors are eligible to receive additional state reimbursement if the participating school meals program increases meal quality, uses innovative meal access strategies, purchases local products, or demonstrates improvements to meal presentation. USBE Child Nutrition Programs initiated the school meal enhancement reimbursement initiative with a focus on local food procurement. Any National School Lunch Program sponsor is eligible to receive additional state reimbursement starting with school year 2021 – 2022. Sponsors submit documentation to demonstrate spending a higher percentage of their food dollars on Utah-grown food products to receive additional reimbursement. In the 2021 – 2022 school year 15 SFAs applied for and received school meal enhancement reimbursement for local food purchases. Payments to SFAs ranged from \$2,000 to \$72,000.

Grants

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM (FFVP)

(7 CFR 211) The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides payment to sponsors for fresh fruits & vegetables offered to students in selected low-income elementary schools participating in NSLP. This program offers a healthy snack during the school day for children and has been successful in introducing school children to a variety of produce that they

otherwise might not have the opportunity to sample. This program is different in that schools must apply for this grant, which is awarded based on free/reduced eligibility. Expenses will only be reimbursed up to the school's total award amount. Utah was awarded \$3,445,594 for the period of October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022. A total of 109 elementary schools were awarded the grant for the 2021-2022 school year. More information can be found by visiting the following link: <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/ffvp/fresh-fruit-and-vegetable-program</u>.

FY 2021 NSLP EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES

(Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260)). Federal funding from USDA Food and Nutrition Service was provided to state agencies to then competitively award equipment assistance grants to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program was awarded to Utah in the amount of \$214,272. Priority of grant awards were to schools who operated both National School Lunch and School Breakfast meals and the school did not receive a previous NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant. Funding is provided to assist SFAs to purchase equipment to serve healthier school meals, improve food safety, and expand access to school meals. Awards were given to seven SFAs operating seven school sites. The performance period for the grant ended September 30, 2023.

FY 2020 EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES

(Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 115-141)). Federal funding from USDA Food and Nutrition Service was provided to state agencies to then competitively award equipment assistance grants to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program was awarded to Utah in the amount of \$219,766. Priority of grant awards were to schools where 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and the school did not receive a previous NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant. Funding is provided to assist SFAs to purchase equipment to serve healthier school meals, improve food safety, and expand access to school meals. Awards were given to eight SFAs operating ten school sites. The performance period for the grant ended September 30, 2022.

Child Nutrition Programs Overview

School Nutrition Programs

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM (NSLP)

The National School Lunch Program (7 CFR 210) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public, non-profit private schools, and residential childcare institutions. It provides payment for nutritionally balanced, low-cost, or free lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946. Sponsors enter into agreements to participate in programs. Our office also distributes State of Utah (liquor tax) funds to public schools for lunches. Reimbursement is paid to sponsors based on meals served to children at the established free, reduced, and paid rate

depending on the eligibility of the student served. NSLP sponsors receive entitlement dollars based on the number of meals served that can be used to order USDA Foods as part of the Food Distribution Program. More information can be found by visiting the following link: <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/nslp/national-school-lunch-program-nslp</u>.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (NSBP)

The National School Breakfast Program (7 CFR 220) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public, non-profit private schools, and residential childcare institutions. In 1966, the program begun as a pilot project and was made permanent in 1975. The School Breakfast Program is administered by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. The program is administered at the state level by the USBE Child Nutrition Programs. Breakfast meals that meet the federal requirements are eligible to be claims for cash subsidies from USDA.

START SMART UTAH PROGRAM

The Start Smart Utah Program was enacted following the passing of House Bill 222 to promote and expand the availability of school breakfast for Utah's children. Start Smart Utah requires schools participating in the National School Lunch Program to offer a breakfast program. House Bill 016 amended Utah Code to expand the use of state funds, which may be used to support breakfast programs.

SPECIAL PROVISION OPTIONS

(National School Lunch Act, Section 11(a)(1)) There are three alternative provisions to the normal requirements for annual determinations of eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals and daily free, reduced-price, and paid meal counts. These provisions are Provision 1, Provision 2, and Provision 3 options. A few Utah schools participate in the Provision 2 option. These schools establish a claiming percentage and serve all meals at no charge for a four-year period.

(Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010) Beginning July 1, 2014, eligible schools can opt into Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The state is required to post an annual notification report for CEP. The report by year is located on the USBE Data and Statistics Reports webpage under CNP/NSLP

https://schools.utah.gov/data/reports?mid=1424&tid=2.



Number of CEP and Provision Sites Over Time

CEP & Provision 2 Schools, School Years 2015-2022 Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs, CNPweb Data 1117

AFTERSCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM (ASP)

Participation in the Afterschool Snack Program (7CFR 210) is an option to sponsors already participating in NSLP that offers reimbursement to help sponsors serve snacks to children in afterschool activities aimed at promoting the health and well-being of children and youth in our communities. A school must provide children with regularly scheduled activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment; include educational or enrichment activities (e.g., mentoring, or tutoring programs). The programs must meet state/local licensing requirements, if available, or state/local health and safety standards. Reimbursement is based on snacks served to children at the established free, reduced, and paid rate depending on the eligibility of the student served. For programs operating in low-income areas, all snacks served to program participants are claimed at the free reimbursement rate regardless of individual student eligibility. More information can be found by visiting the following link: http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/afterschool-snacks.

SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION (SSO)

Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program are eligible to apply for the Seamless Summer Option (7 CFR 210, 7 CFR 220). The Seamless Summer Option is a component of the NSLP and is an administratively streamlined version of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. Like the SFSP, the purpose is to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Although only sponsored by schools,

summer sites may be established in the same types of locations as the SFSP such as schools, parks, libraries, pools, and community centers. Sites must be in low-income areas and sponsors can be reimbursed for up to two meal types per day. All meals are reimbursed at the same rate as they would if served under the NSLP to include state reimbursement and USDA Foods entitlement. More information can be found by visiting the following link: http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/opportunity-schools.

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM (SMP)

Participation under a signed agreement for the Special Milk Program provides payment for milk for children who do not have access to other meal programs (7 CFR 215). These programs may be offered by public or private, non-profit schools, or camps. Schools in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs may also participate in the Special Milk Program to provide milk to children in half-day, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten programs where children do not have access to the school meal programs. The SMP is a federally funded program that provides funds to states to reimburse sponsors from a set amount, or up to the full price of the milk served to low-income children. More information can be found by visiting the following link: https://www.fns.usda.gov/smp/special-milk-program.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS (FDP)

The FDP program supports domestic nutrition programs and American agricultural producers through purchases of domestic agricultural products for use in schools and institutions participating on federal child nutrition programs. (7 CFR 250)

USDA FOODS IN SCHOOLS

The agricultural commodities made available to sponsors through the FDP are referred to as USDA Foods and help to reduce the cost of preparing program meals. The USDA has an established rate by which state agencies earn entitlement dollars which is based on the total number of lunches served by sponsors participating in the NSLP. The state agency then distributes entitlement dollars referred to as Planned Level Assistance (PAL) to sponsors based on meal counts and then surveys the sponsors to determine which, and in what quantity, available items should be ordered. Once orders are placed, the items are shipped to the state warehouse. State agency staff adjusts orders according to other sponsor needs, coordinates and verifies orders, and coordinates the shipment and delivery to NSLP sponsors. The state agency enters contracts for the storage and delivery of food.

Sponsor's use of USDA Foods in meals is monitored through NSLP administrative reviews. CACFP center sponsors receive additional reimbursement through the Food Distribution Program in the form of "cash in lieu of commodities," which is based on the number of eligible meals served and paid along with their monthly meal reimbursement based on the federally established rate. More information can be found by visiting the following link: <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/food-distribution-programs</u>.

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides food assistance to needy Americans through the distribution of USDA commodities (7 CFR 251). Under TEFAP, USDA Foods are made available to states for distribution to households for use in preparing meals for home consumption or to organizations that prepare and provide meals for needy people. Foods are distributed free, but recipients of food for home use must meet program eligibility criteria set by the state. State agencies receive food and oversee distribution. Local agencies, usually food banks, shelters, and soup kitchens have been designated by the states to distribute the food to eligible participants. TEFAP provides food regularly for needy households and is a separate program from USDA's Disaster Assistance Commodity Food Program, which provides food for mass feeding and household use of victims of natural disasters. More information can be found by visiting the following link: <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/tefap/emergency-food-assistance-program-tefap</u>.



FFY2022 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND MEALS SERVED

Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs Data 1096 (pulled 10/19/22)



Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs Data 1096 (pulled 10/19/22)



Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs Data 1096 (pulled 10/19/22)

*SSO waiver was available to sponsors in SY22



Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs Data 1096 (pulled 10/19/22)

*SSO waiver was available to sponsors in SY22



Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs Data 1096 (pulled 10/19/22)

Due to the Public Health Emergency most school sponsors opted into the USDA Food and Nutrition Services nationwide waiver to operate the Seamless Sumer Option during the school months (<u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19-child-nutrition-response-85</u>). The Seamless Summer Option reimbursement also includes summer month operation. Utah also opted into the nationwide waivers to allow Seamless Summer Option sites to receive the higher Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates (<u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19-child-nutrition-response-86</u> and <u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19-child-nutrition-response-86</u> and <u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19-child-nutrition-response-109</u>).



Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs Data 1096 (pulled 10/19/22, data for FFY21)



Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs Data 1096 (pulled 10/19/22)



*SY2021 included SSO only sites as well as sites participating in the NSLP due to COVID-19 SSO waiver

Source: USBE Child Nutrition Programs Data 1096 (pulled 10/19/22)

*By May 2023, all sites participating in NSLP must offer breakfast

PROGRAM MONITORING

USDA approved state monitoring plans for SFY2022 due to COVID-19 emergency operations. Priority was to support program sponsors in implementing program waivers and ensure meal access.

SY 2022

Program	Review Type	Number of Reviews
National School Lunch	Administrative Reviews	27
Programs (NSLP)*		
National School Lunch	Follow-up Review	2
Programs (NSLP)*		
National School Lunch	Procurement Reviews	20
Programs (NSLP)*		

Seamless Summer Option	Administrative Review	10
(SSO)		

*Includes School Breakfast Program (SBP), Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), Special Milk Program (SMP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), USDA Foods.

FFY 2022

Program	Review Type	Number of Reviews
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	Sub-Recipient Agency Review	10
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	Emergency Recipient Agency Review	2

Community Programs

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)

Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR 226) is a federally assisted meal program that provides funds to licensed child and adult day care centers, Head Start/Early Start centers, schools and afterschool meal centers, family or group day care homes, as well as emergency/homeless shelters for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons. Reimbursement is provided for meals and snacks that meet federal meal pattern requirements at rates determined by participant or site eligibility. Childcare centers may be for profit or non-profit entities. As part of (7 CFR 240), CACFP center sponsors receive additional reimbursement through the Food Distribution Program in the form of cash in lieu of commodities based on the number of eligible meals served. More information can be found by visiting the following link: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp

CHILDCARE CENTERS

Childcare Centers (7CFR 226) are a component of CACFP, which includes emergency shelters, Early Head Start, and Head Start. Sponsors enter into an agreement with either the state agency or a currently approved sponsor of unaffiliated or affiliated centers. Meals and snacks that meet meal pattern requirements are reimbursed by approved eligibility category for infants and children up to age 12. Program requirements vary for children of migrant workers and children with disabilities. Required eligibility documentation varies for these types of sites.

FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES (FDCH)

Family Day Care Homes (7 CFR 226) are a component of the CACFP. Sponsors enter into an agreement with the State Agency to sponsor FDCH providers. FDCH Sponsors receive an

administrative reimbursement based on the number of homes they sponsor. Family Day Care Home Providers receive meal reimbursements based on a tier system. Reimbursements are provided for meals and snacks that meet specific meal pattern requirements. The number of meals and snacks eligible to receive reimbursement per day vary between sponsor type.

ADULT DAY CARE

Adult Day Care Centers (7 CFR 226) are a component of the CACFP program. Non-residential day care centers serving adults 60 years or older and functional impaired adults of any age may participate under CACFP and receive federal reimbursement for meals and snacks that meet requirements.

AT-RISK AFTER SCHOOL

At-Risk After School (7 CFR 226) is a component of the CACFP and offers federal funding to afterschool programs that serve a meal and/or a snack and offer a structured enrichment activity or activities that are available to all children. Site eligibility is required and is based on an attendance area school with a free and reduced percentage of 50% or greater. All meals and snacks served are reimbursed at the federally established free rate. The program may be sponsored by public or non-profit organizations. For-profit childcare centers may also sponsor this program only if they meet the eligibility requirements of the CACFP. More information can be found by visiting the following link: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/afterschool-meals

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)

The SFSP (7 CFR 225) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Site eligibility must be established based on attendance area school data or census track data. Eligible sites are those with greater than 50% free and reduced students from school data. All meals must meet federal nutrition requirements and are provided free to all children 18 years old and younger. A sponsoring organization must be a public or private non-profit to operate SFSP. Some sponsor types include school food authority (SFA); college or university; residential summer camp; a unit of local, county, municipal, State, or Federal Government; food banks, libraries, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA/YWCA, churches, and many other types of private non-profit organizations. Sites can be in a wide variety of locations such as schools, parks, libraries, pools, and community centers. Sponsors may be reimbursed for up to two meal types per day. Camps and migrant sites may be approved to serve up to three meals per day. More information can be found by visiting the following link: https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program

FFY2022 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND MEALS







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PROGRAM MONITORING

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Program	Review Type	Number of Reviews
CCC, Head Start, & Emergency Shelters	AR/Claim Validations	59
Family Day Care Sponsor/Homes	AR/Follow-up	3/29
At Risk Afterschool Meals Program	AR/Follow-up	2
Summer Food Service Program	AR	6
Adult Care Centers	AR	1
Total		100

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