



Summer Food Service Program Best Practices

Have you ever seen a successful program and wondered, “How did they do that?” or, “I wish my program operated like that!” You were probably left asking those questions because you were not informed about the best practices responsible for the success of the program. Best practices are methods that deliver positive results for any activity. Sharing best practices increases program efficiency because new organizations that participate in the Summer Food Service Program do not have to “recreate the wheel” when they become sites or sponsors. We encourage organizations to share best practices, so others can learn from their success. Additionally, organizations should continue to share their successes, so the best practices continue to evolve with the expansion of the Summer Food Service Program. The Food and Nutrition Service’s goal is for the Summer Food Service Program to be stress-free for all parties involved: states, sponsors, sites, and most importantly, the children.

Check out these strategies that organizations and individuals have implemented to administer a successful summer feeding program in their community:

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- [Special Populations](#)
- [State Agency Achievement](#)

Becoming a Site or Sponsor			
Title	Presenter	Length	Handouts
How I Became a Summer Food Service Program Sponsor	Shannon Coffin, Good Shepherd Food Bank (Maine)	12:22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation ▪ Sample Vendor Contract ▪ Sponsor Timeline
Healing Waters Family Center Success Story	Pastor Joseito Velasquez, Healing Waters	7:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation



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Becoming a Community Advocate			
Title	Presenter	Length	Handouts
Recruiting Organizations in Your Community to Become Sites and Sponsors	Rachel Townsend, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance	14:22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation ▪ Forms Checklist for Sponsor

How State Agencies Work with Sites and Sponsors			
Title	Presenter	Length	Handouts
Ohio Department of Education Presents the Summer Food Service Program	Mary Kershaw, Office of Child Nutrition Ohio Department of Education	13:23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation

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