



Summer Food Expansion for Tribal Organizations

The summer can be a difficult time for families to find reliable access to food. Poor nutrition during the summer months can have a negative impact on a child's health, as well as their academic performance during the school year. Tribal organizations can use the Summer Food Service Program to help their communities connect to nutritious free meals. Tribal groups may be eligible to participate as sites or sponsors if they meet the standards set forth in the regulatory definition of "Unit of local, municipal, county or State government." This definition requires State recognition and State laws can differ with regard to the status of Indian tribal groups, so it's important that determinations of eligibility be made on a State-by-State basis.

Find out where the summer food sites are in your area through the National Hunger Hotline (866-348-6479) or if you want to get more involved by becoming a sponsor just call your local state agency. Tribal Organizations and States are FNS' critical partners in implementing and operating the Summer Meals Program. Tribal leaders play a critical role in ensuring their State actively promotes summer meals and connect their communities. To find the latest information and resources for the Summer Food Program check out FNS' newly revamped website: www.summerfood.usda.gov and find Training Webcasts, the revised SFSP Toolkit, and the new SFSP Summer Food Rock Rocks! Promotional Flyers.