

Iowa Summer Food Service Program



During the school year, many children receive free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch through school meal programs. What happens when school lets out? Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks to the learning process.

Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is designed to fill that nutrition gap and make sure that children can get the nutritious meals they need.

Vastly Under-Utilized....



Approximately 195,403 Iowa children are eligible for free and reduced price meals*



An average of 15,638 Iowa children participated in the SFSP in June 2012, that's only 8% of those that are potentially in need.

*Based on Fall 2011 data

But Growing....

In 2002 there were 103 serving sites with an average daily June participation of 6,578.



In 2012 there were 251 serving sites with an average daily June participation of 15,638. The program has more than doubled.



What Can You Do?

- Promote participation in a summer feeding site!
- Become a sponsor or open a feeding site!
- Spread the word about the program!

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