The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a USDA Child Nutrition Program administered by the Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services at the Iowa Department of Education. Local school districts and community organizations in Iowa may now be operating the SFSP in areas that have an economic need. These programs usually start serving meals toward the end of May or early June. Within those communities, some feeding sites will be open to all children. These “open sites” provide meals to children at no charge and require no identification or proof of income eligibility.

If an “Open Site” is available in your community or service area, children from your center may be served meals at the SFSP site. If meals are received at an SFSP “Open Site,” the same meal may not be claimed on the CACFP. Center personnel should record the days, meals participation, and menus served through the SFSP on separate documents (not on the CACFP records) to document that children received meals.

The 2015 list of SFSP sponsors is not available yet. To view a 2014 open summer feeding sites across the state of Iowa, visit: https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs-0. The 2015 list is expected to be similar but include more sites.

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