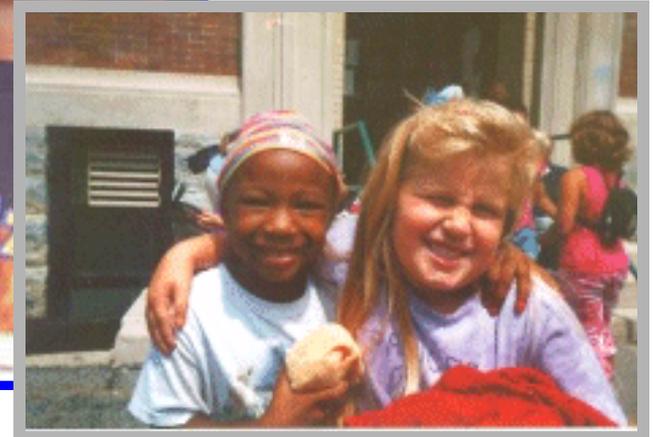
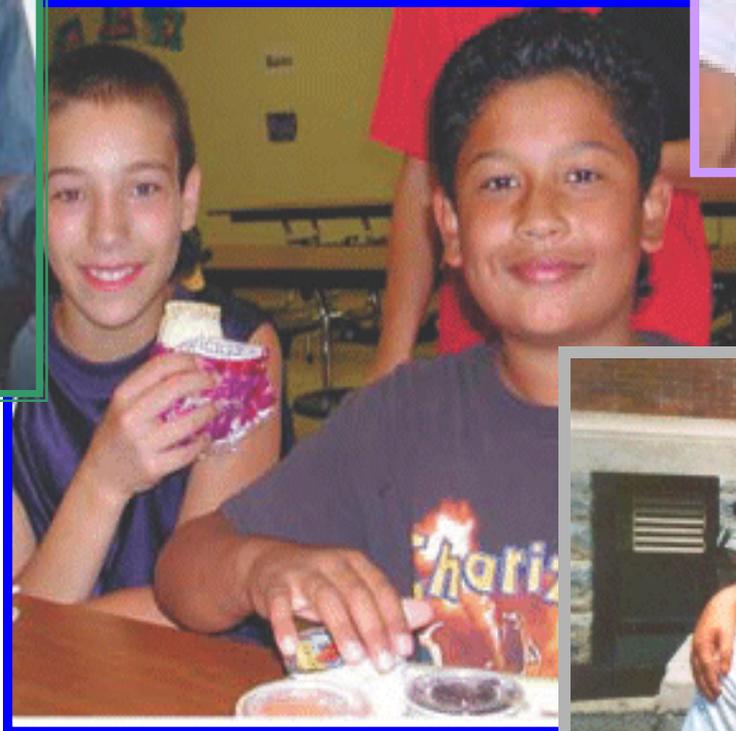
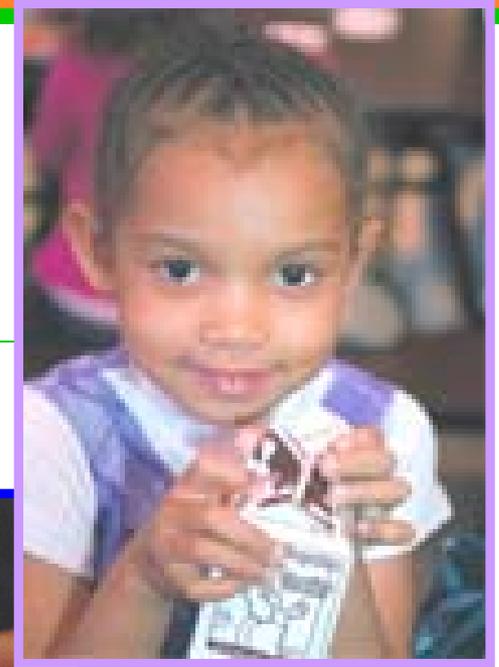
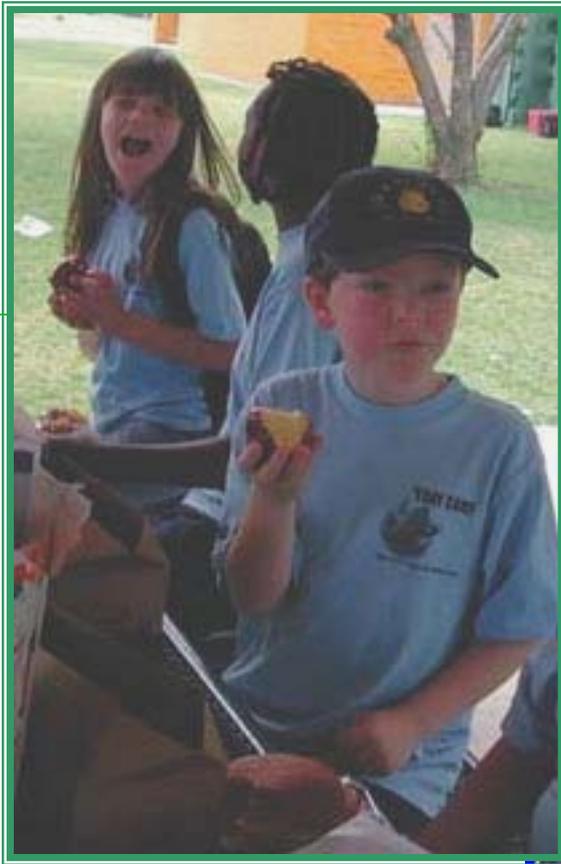


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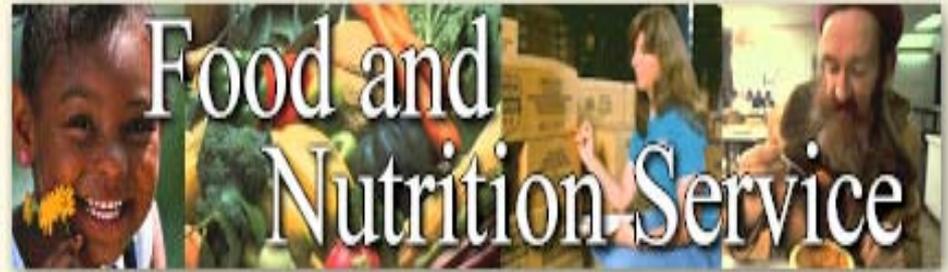


**Alaska Child Nutrition Services**

**The Seamless  
Summer Program  
benefits  
students when  
school is out**



# What is it?



- A USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS) program offering a streamlined approach to feeding hungry children
- A part of the National School Lunch Program & School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP)
- It combines the features of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and NSLP/SBP

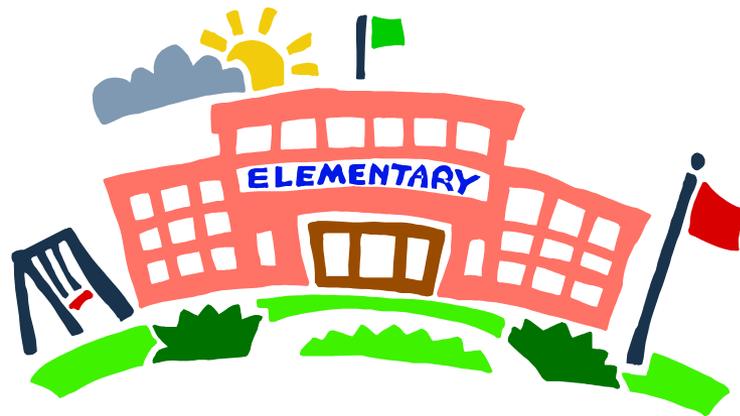
# Who can participate?

- School Food Authorities (SFA's) who participate in the NSLP or SBP are eligible to apply.



# Why should schools do this?

- Your community needs it – kids need nutritious food, even when school is out.
- It's easy – continue using the same meal service rules and claiming procedures used during the regular school year.



# Why would a school use the Seamless Summer Option?

- Reduced paperwork and monitoring compared to running other child nutrition programs.
- Use same meal pattern, including Offer vs. Serve.
- Same claiming process.
- All meals are reported as "Free".

# When is the program offered?

- During the traditional summer vacation (May – September).



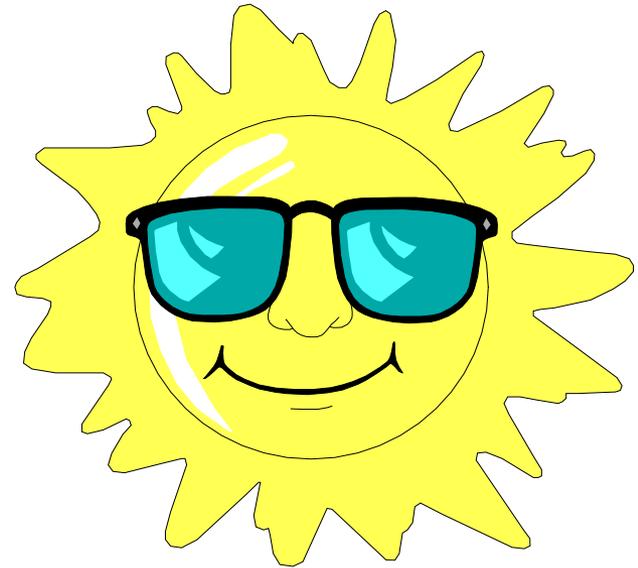
# Types of meal services offered

- Breakfast
- Lunch must be served between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Supper begins no later than 7 p.m. and end by 8 p.m.
- Meals may be offered 7 days a week.



# Site locations & types

- Site locations may be a school, park, camp, a non-profit organization, etc.
- Site types include:
  - Open
  - Restricted Open
  - Closed Enrolled
  - Camp
  - Migrant



# Sites can be eligible three different ways

- Area Eligible

50% or more of the students enrolled in the local school are eligible for Free/Reduced priced meals

- Census Eligible

Census data identifies the area as low-income

- Income Eligible

50% or more of participants are eligible for Free/Reduce priced meals.

# Determining Site Eligibility

- For a closed enrolled site, the eligibility is determined annually based on the enrolled participants
- For an area eligible site, the eligibility continues for **5 years**

# Who is eligible to participate?

Meals are free of charge to :

- Children 18 and under, at qualified sites
- Individuals 19 and over with a state-defined mental or physical disability.



# Meal Service

- NSLP and SBP rules apply
  - Follow NSLP/SBP meal patterns
  - Offer vs. Serve is an option
  - Serve 1 to 2 meals a day
- Migrant and Camp sites
  - serve 1 to 3 meals a day

# Meal Counts

Only complete meals **served** can be claimed for reimbursement

Counts at the actual point-of-service:

- ensure accurate count of meals served
- ensure only complete meals are served

# Additional Meal Service Information

- All children are served at no charge.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meals are not reimbursable.
- Field trip notification is not required.
- Suppers, instead of lunch, may be served with state approval.
- Ala carte sales are allowed.



# Commodities

Schools can use commodities from the previous school year for all meals served



# Provision 2 or 3 Sponsors

- Provision 2 or 3 schools can participate
- Indicate Provision status on Site Application Form
- Contact Child Nutrition Service for assistance



# Sponsor Responsibilities: Promotion

Promoting the program is required

Examples:

News Release sent to the local area media and/or

Other promotional ideas (flyers, door hangers, notices at businesses)

Keep copies of outreach materials

Summer Food Service Program



Food That's In When School Is Out

Hey Kids and Teens\* ...



Join us for Nutritious Summer Meals at No Charge

Power Panther says, "Eat Smart, Play Hard."™

# Sponsor Responsibilities: Monitoring

Review each site within first 3 weeks of operation for:

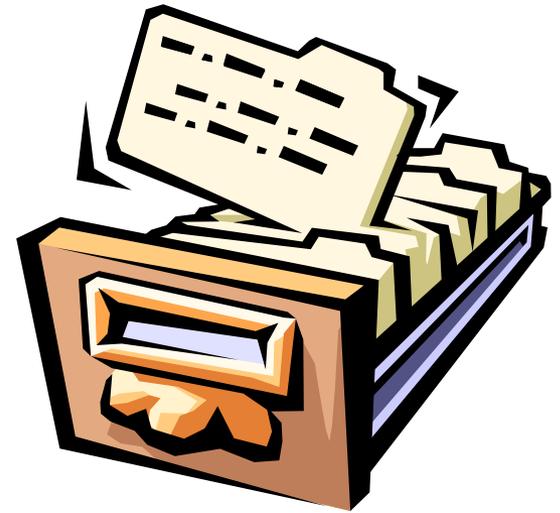
- ✓ Meal pattern compliance
- ✓ Meal counting
- ✓ Meal claiming

# Sponsor Responsibilities: Training

- Responsible for Staff Training
- Training materials and technical assistance are available from Alaska Child Nutrition Services

# Sponsor Responsibilities: Record Keeping

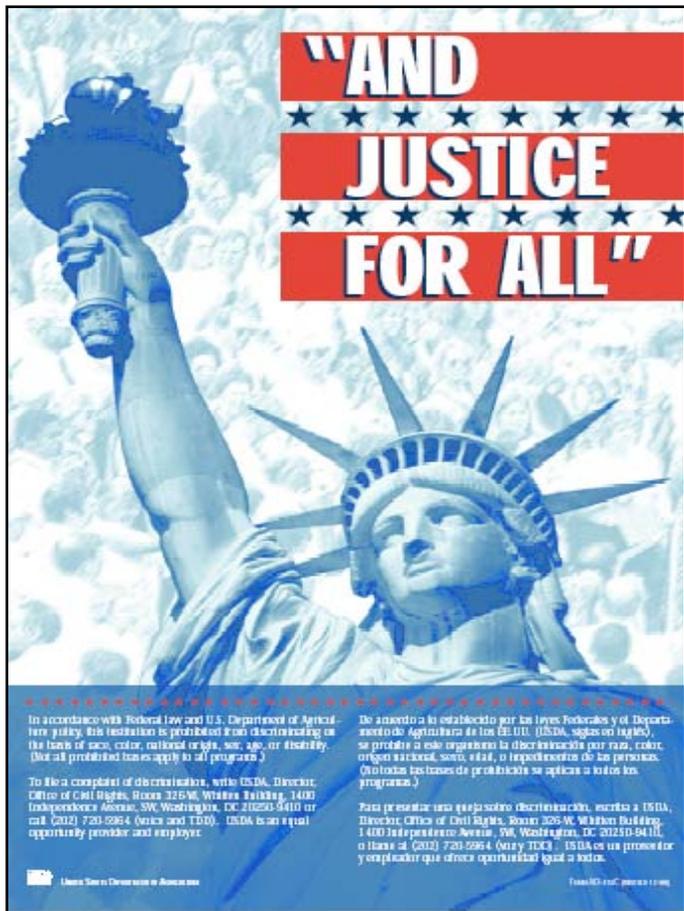
- Food production records
- Meal count forms
- Documentation to support program expenses
- Maintain records for 3 years after final payment for program year



# Sponsor Responsibilities: Civil Rights - Training

- CNS PowerPoint
  - Available on-line at <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/cns/CRR.html>
- DVD
  - Request a DVD to be mailed to you from our office

# Sponsor Responsibilities: Civil Rights



- Post "And Justice for All" sign
- Include non-discrimination statement on all program materials
- Complete Racial/Ethnic form for each site and keep on file
- Provide translations, if needed
- Establish a complaint procedure

# State Responsibilities

- To conduct a review at:
  - A minimum of 1 seamless site for SFA receiving a Coordinated Review during the previous school year
  - Any sponsor with operational issues identified in a prior year review

# How to Apply

- Update CNPweb Site Info Sheet
  - Summer Food Seamless Waiver section
    - for each site participating
- Submit a Seamless Summer Agreement
- Submit a Seamless Summer Site Request
  - One for each site participating

# Additional Responsibilities

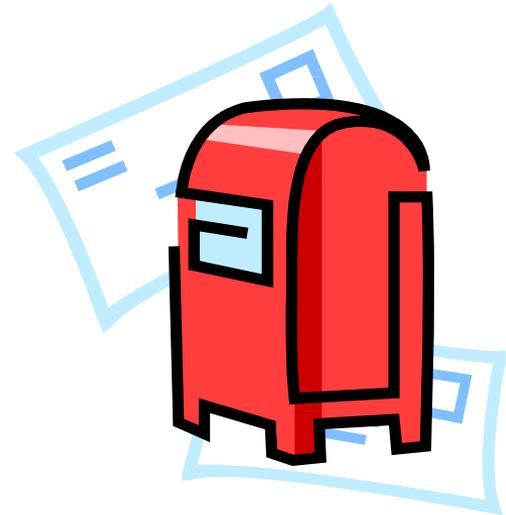
Sponsor agrees they will (prior to operating):

- Read Seamless Summer Option Q & A's
- View Seamless Program Presentation
- View Civil Rights Presentation
- Train staff based on this information



# Additional Responsibilities

- Documentation about how each site will promote availability of meals to the local community



# Claims

- Enter through CNPweb claim tab
- Claim all meals at "Free" rate
- Claim Suppers as "lunches served"
- Claim Snacks as "afterschool snacks"
- June meal counts cannot be added to July
- <10 days in August, add the meals to the July claim

# Reimbursements

- SY 2009 Rate (through June 30, 2009):  
**Breakfast \$2.24 Lunch/Dinner \$4.18 Snack \$1.15**
- Federal rates change annually July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- “Severe-need” Sponsors still receive the additional amount



# Need Assistance?

## Who do you call?

### Alaska Child Nutrition Service

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Program Specialist

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Sabrina Bracher

Education Program Assistant

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*Thank you for feeding me!*

