

**MEMORANDUM**

**ACTION MEMO #16-26**

**TO:** District Nutrition Services Directors

**FROM:** Shameyrae Miller, Deputy Director   
Office of Integrity and Strategy  
Georgia WIC Program

**DATE:** June 3, 2016

**RE:** Food and Nutrition Service Summer Food Service Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to ensure WIC Participants are informed about access to free meals during the summer months.

Many low-income children take advantage of free or reduced price meals during the school year. However, during the summer, many families struggle to provide meals or must look elsewhere for food assistance. Operated by State agencies, the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free, nutritious meals for kids at local sites such as schools, recreation centers, playgrounds, parks, churches, summer camps, and more all over the country and all summer long.

Attached are flyers in English and Spanish for you to post in your WIC clinics, and share broadly with WIC participants and the community. The flyer provides information on how parents and caretakers can locate summer meal service sites in their local areas. Providing this flyer as a handout to WIC families who might have an older child at home will help keep this important information at their fingertips.

Please encourage your participants to visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>. This web address provides an interactive map so participants can find summer meals in their communities. The link can also be accessed the on mobile devices.

No Kid Hungry is also providing a free texting service to help families find information about summer meal sites near them. Texting provides convenient, real-time access to local summer site information. Families in need should text "Food" to 877-877. They will receive a text back with the telephone number for the National Hunger Hotline. Participants can call this number to receive more information regarding feeding sites.

An SFSP toolkit is available online and provides resources to assist you in promoting the program. Resources can be accessed at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-meals-toolkit-usda-resources>.



We encourage you to share this information with other local partners to help promote the Summer Food Service Program. If you have any questions, please contact Shameyrae Miller, Deputy Director of WIC Program Integrity & Strategy, at (404) 657-2917 or by email at [Shameyrae.Miller@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Shameyrae.Miller@dph.ga.gov).

Thank you for your partnership, as we strive to improve the health of all Georgians, and for your cooperation in this endeavor.

#### Attachments

c: Debra L. Keyes, MA, RD - Director, Georgia WIC Program  
District Health Directors  
District Program Managers  
District Administrators  
WIC Deputy Directors  
WIC Managers



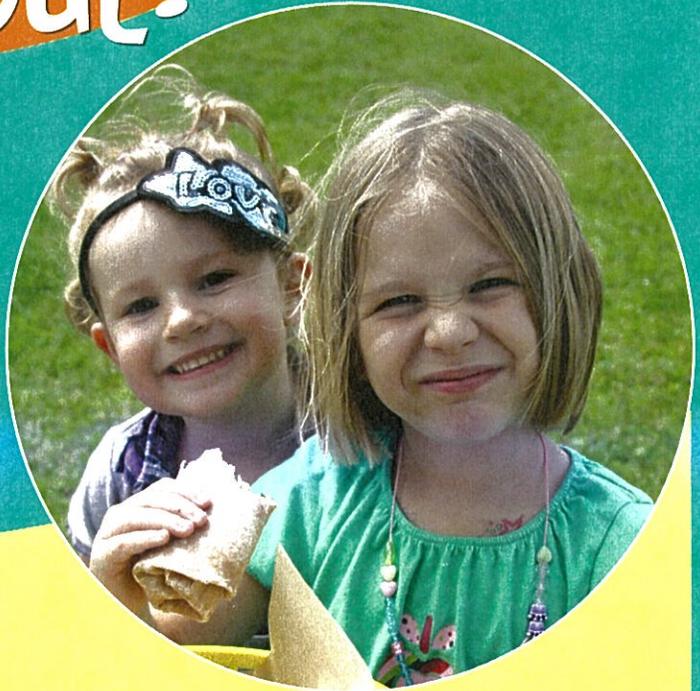
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## SUMMER MEALS for KIDS & TEENS Being Served in Your Community

To find a nearby site:

Call 1-866-348-6479

Go to [www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks](http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks)

Text FOOD to 877-877 operated by a USDA partner

Open to all children 18 and younger  
NO Enrollment, NO Cost!



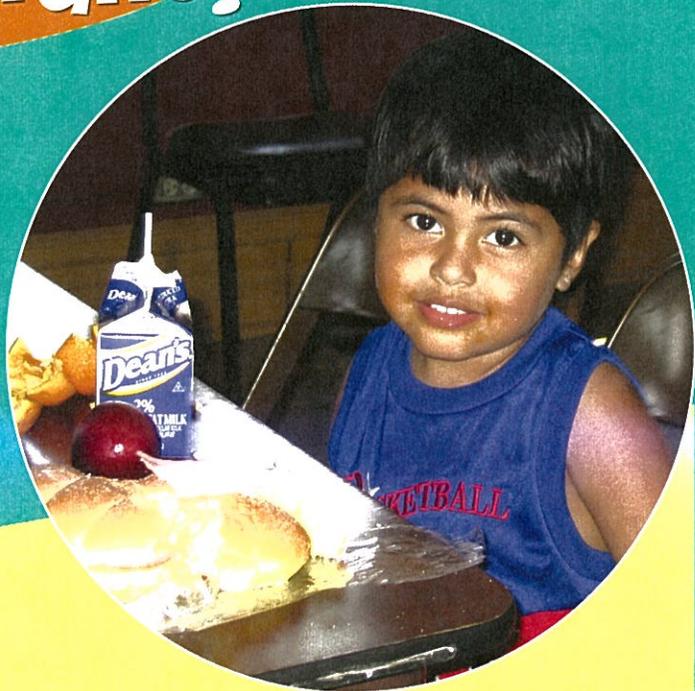


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**Llame al 1-877-842-6273**

**Visite [www.fns.usda.gov/es/summerfoodrocks](http://www.fns.usda.gov/es/summerfoodrocks)**

**Textea COMIDA a un socio de USDA a 877-877**

Disponible para niños de 18 años de edad o menores  
**¡Sin costo ni registraci3n!**

