



Why is the Summer Food Service Program needed in Aiken County?

A good indicator of child poverty in a community is the number of children who qualify for free and reduced priced lunches during the school year. If these children don't have the resources for lunch during the school year it's a bet that they are going without proper nutrition during the summer.



PARTICIPATION:

- ✳ Aiken County Schools
 - ◆ 53% receive free or reduced meals.
 - ◆ 14,000 are eligible to receive free or reduced meals.
- ✳ Summer Food Service Program
 - ◆ Only 1,500 youth served due to lack of program participation.
 - ◆ 89% of the youth who qualify are not currently being served.



ELIGIBILITY:

- ✳ Free meals and snacks are provided to low-income children through age 18 when school is not in session. (People over age 18 who are enrolled in school programs for persons with disabilities may also participate).
- ✳ Aiken Housing Authority may sponsor your site, which may include
 - ◆ Schools, churches, "not for profit" daycares, recreational centers, Headstart, Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army, Faith-based organizations, summer camps, youth sites and many more....
- ✳ Your site qualifies if the nearest school to your site is one of the following....

Silver Bluff High School	North Aiken Elementary School
Jefferson Elementary	North Augusta Elementary School
New Ellenton Middle School	Ridgespring Monetta Elementary School
Leavelle McCambell Middle School	Warrenville Elementary School
Ridgespring Monetta High School	Oakwood Windsor Elementary School
Busbee Elementary / Corbett	Redcliff Elementary School
Aiken Middle School	Wagener Salley High School
JD Lever Elementary School	Mossy Creek Elementary
Clearwater Elementary School	Pinecrest Annex
East Aiken Elementary School	Freedman Parenting Center
Schofield Middle School	Aiken High School
Gloverville Elementary School	MidlandValley High School
Millbrook Elementary School	Paul Knox Middle School
Jackson Middle School	LBC Middle School
Greendale Elementary School	Aiken Elementary School
Byrd Elementary School	Belvedere Elementary School

- ✳ Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs are considered categorically income eligible.



BENEFITS:

- ✳ The Summer Food Service Program feeds hungry children in the summer, gives a boost to public and private non-profit summer programs, and helps give low-income children the best start on the new school year.
- ✳ Many sites provide not just meals, but educational enrichment and recreational activities that help children continue to learn and stay safe when school is not in session. The meals provided through the Summer Food Service Program act as a "magnet" to draw children to these activities.



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