Reply to
Attn. Of: SFSP-329

Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Policy Memorandum #2-98, Availability of School and Census Eligibility Data

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH, Montana OPI, Nebraska ED, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming DHSS

The purpose of this memorandum is to strongly encourage State Agencies (SA) to provide SFSP sponsors with school and census eligibility data as early as possible so that the information is useful when determining areas of eligibility.

It has been suggested that SAs provide free and reduced-price school enrollment information and census eligibility data to sponsors, as well as other interested advocate groups during sponsor training. If these data are unavailable at the time of training, or if supplemented with additional data after training, SAs should transmit the necessary information to sponsors as expeditiously as possible. All SAs have copies of the "special tabulation" of census block group data which was provided in early 1994, which included ages 0-18.

Since most SAs administering SFSP also administer the Child and Adult Care Food Program, they may well have free and reduced-price enrollment information as a result of having implemented the new family day care home "tiering" requirements. States will have the option of using the free and reduced-price enrollment information for the month that was used when determining CACFP day care home tiering classifications or using the most recent month's information available for SFSP site determinations.

Providing this type of information during training sessions, or as soon thereafter as possible, will help to ensure that sponsors have prompt access to all available information for purposes of determining site eligibility. By providing this information to your sponsors early in the year, SAs will minimize sponsor burdens in determining eligibility.
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