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Subject:
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Questions and Answers

To:
STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS -
(Child Nutrition Programs)
Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas
Missouri DH, Montana OPI,
Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, and Utah

Attached are questions and answers that have been received from

Please contact my staff at (303) 844-0359 if you need further
clarification.

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Attachment
1. Q. A day camp wants to serve two snacks only, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Is this allowable?

A. Yes. A day camp is considered as a camp in relation to meals served. Part 225.16(b) states that, "No sponsor shall be approved to provide more than two services of supplemental food per day." Part 225.16(b)(1)(i) addressed the maximum number of meals which may be served by camps. The Welfare Reform Act changed the maximum number of meals that camps may serve each day from four to three.

2. Q. Can family style meal service be served at an open site?

A. No. Family style service may only be used at camp (FNS 783-3, Rev. 1) and migrant sites (SFSP-166 allowed for migrant Head Start programs, and SFSP-239-7, expanded this to all migrant sites).

3. Q. A State issued a certificate which states that a sponsor is incorporated as a Private Nonprofit (PNP) under state nonprofit corporate law. Is this acceptable for the SFSP?

A. No. A PNP must have Federal IRS tax exemption for the SFSP (reference SFSP-100-22, 118-4, and 171-15).

4. Q. A school site has Offer-Vs.-Serve (OVS) when school is in session and wants to continue OVS for the SFSP. Is this allowable?

A. Yes. SFSP-306, which implements the Welfare Reform Act, states that OVS is allowable for the SFSP for sponsors operating programs at school sites on the same basis that OVS is operated during the school year under the National School Lunch Program.
5. Q. A child care center is in the process of applying to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), but it has chosen to wait until the fall to start. It has begun sending out CACFP Income Eligibility Forms (IEFs) and getting those returned from parents. A SFSP sponsor wants to operate it as a SFSP site. Could the sponsor use the CACFP IEFs to establish eligibility?

A. No. Since the center is not yet approved for the CACFP the IEFs could not be shared. If the sponsor could not get parent waivers, then separate SFSP IEFs, school or census data would be needed to establish eligibility.

6. Q. A Residential Child Care Institution (RCCI) wants to offer an evening program to area children. The RCCI would also like to participate in the SFSP for August and September. It will serve a supper and operate as a SFSP open site to area children only (residents would not participate). Is this allowable?

A. Yes. FNS 782-4 and SFSP-381 allow this. However, the RCCI must be aware when the school year starts, its SFSP program must end at that time.

7. Q. A sponsor wants to be able to give leftover meals to a local food pantry. It would have a representative from the food pantry at the site. Once the meal service is over for the children the sponsor would give the leftover food to the representative who would in turn give it out to the parents at the site. Is this allowable?

A. Yes. However, the sponsor must take care to plan and prepare meals for only the number of children expected.
8. Q. A SFSP site is located in a school which is offering several summer education programs. However, school staff responsible for these programs do not want their students to take time out of the educational day for meals. Do these school officials have the authority to determine that segments of the site's student population will not participate in the SFSP?

A. No. Section 225.14(d)(3) states, "If the sponsor administers the Program at sites at which summer school is in session, it shall ensure that such sites are open both to children enrolled in summer school and to all children residing in the area served by the site."

9. Q. Can a college sponsor which vends year-round offer vended meals to its National Youth Sports Program rather than get a separate contract?

A. Yes

10. Q. In the above situation can the contract be renewed rather than re-bid each year?

A. Yes. If the contract allows for renewals it can be renewed up to four times.