







Partnerships



Partnering with individuals, community groups, public agencies, and businesses is a way to stretch your resources in your Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Partnering can:

- Generate interest in the SFSP
- Build community support
- Help meet the nutritional and developmental needs of children

Partners can help in any number of ways. These include:

-  **Outreach** – whether it’s finding new sites or raising awareness of existing ones
-  **Money** – financial assistance can help improve publicity, meal quality, and/or program activities
-  **Other Resources** – volunteers, facilities, and/or equipment can make the difference for a successful summer program
-  **Meal Preparation and Distribution** – school or food service management companies may be available to prepare and/or distribute meals

Food for thought: Not every partnership is wise or appropriate. You should be clear about the purpose and expectations of the partnership.











Steps in Building Partnerships

- Establish your goals
- Determine your needs
- Discuss fiscal implications of partnerships with your State agency
- Seek partners with different skills and resources
- Share SFSP information with potential partners
- Be flexible and open to partner’s ideas
- Define roles, tasks, and commitments in a written agreement
- Report all Program income (i.e., grants, rebates, donations, etc.)
- Publicly thank your partners



Potential Partners

Organizations and people interested in children and children’s issues will be your most likely partners. Find local partners affiliated with national organizations that support SFSP.

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|  Schools |  Anti-Hunger advocacy organizations |
|  County, city, and town administrators |  Parks and Recreation Departments |
|  Food Banks |  Religious organizations |
|  Boys and Girls Clubs |  YMCA and YWCA |

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