

Summer Food Service Program Newsletter

January 2025

Welcome to the Summer Food Service Program



Food That's In When School is Out!

Congratulations to the Summer Food Service Program sponsors who fed 4,547,510 meals this summer!

You're Invited!!

2025 SFSP Kick-Off Meetings

February 4 - Kansas City

February 6 – St. Louis

Registration Emails have been sent out to each sponsor..

Contact SFSP@health.mo.gov for information.

Please check out our website for sponsor and site supervisor resources and guidance!

<https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/nutrition/foodprograms/sfsp/resources.php>

SFSP Success Stories

Encounter Ministry

Encounter Ministry is extremely grateful for the experience of the program this year. Participating in the Rural Non-Congregate Option, we far surpassed last year's distribution. We did this while building community relationships, and friendships.

Our Relationships were the key forces that made a successful program. We collaborated with school officials to share a common mission to feed children. We had outstanding support from the Dept. Of Health and Senior Services. Our sponsor staff personally participated at times with distribution and personally trained managers and workers. We attended School Board meetings with a final report and an expression of gratitude for working with us. Encounter Ministry has partnered with both Camden County R-III and Macks Creek R-V school.

Some of our great staff and volunteers



Photo submitted by Ben Savittiere

Encounter Ministries Rural Non-Congregate Meal Pick-Up Process



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Our Process began with each family registering for the meal pick-up.

1. Automated by Poster with JotForm QR Code.
2. English and Spanish Registration Form
3. Family Letter with Refrigerator Magnet – Every family got an initial welcome letter and refrigerator magnet.



Communication Is Key

1. Text message reminders to families - permission to send text messages. Sent every week before distribution.
2. Rosters-Site Managers received a weekly current roster of all registered families and children.
3. Allergy list separated for individual preparation.

Encounter Ministries Meal Preparation and Distribution

Preparation

1. We employed paid workers from school, some volunteers.
2. Controlled inventory – set up stations with assembly counts
3. Every bag was counted when built.
4. Food kept in a refrigerated truck.
5. Final inventory sent back to sponsor.

Distribution

1. Placards were used for each registered family for their dashboards – Name, Number of Children, Allergies. This made identification easier.
2. Gave Rosters to workers to cross check names and counts.
3. Two distribution lines used to expedite distribution.
4. Dedicated counters and loggers. Two factor count & ID used.
5. Tally triple checked with roster and log form and counter



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SFSP Sponsors Success Ideas

Atchison County Multi-Purpose Center – This sponsor fed SFSP lunches in collaboration with weekly nutrition classes and provided fun handouts to families.



Independence School District – This sponsor utilized a share table with each meal to help reduce food waste.



St Luke Memorial Church of God In Christ – This sponsor used QR Codes to share communication information with sponsors.



2025 SFSP Sponsor Training

Missouri SFSP is offering multiple training options for returning SFSP sponsors. Returning sponsors may complete the four SFSP Training Modules online or attend a live SFSP WebEx training. Annual SFSP training is required for both new and returning sponsors. The four SFSP Training Modules are available now and can be found on the SFSP website at: <http://www.health.mo.gov/sfsp>. Live WebEx options will be sent out by email once the dates are set.

Sponsor may also utilize this training and the SFSP training manual to train their additional sponsor staff.

In addition, Missouri SFSP will be conducting two SFSP Kickoff meetings that will include training. Check your email for information on this option.

If your organization would like to be featured next year, see your 2025 Orientation Manual for details.

We look forward to another successful summer in 2025!



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