



Help Spread the Word About Free Meals

The Broome County Child Hunger Task Force is looking for help to get the word out about free summer meal sites for kids throughout the County.

As a classroom teacher, you see first hand the effect of hunger on children. Meal sites, offered through the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provide a critical safety net for children that rely on free and reduced price meals during the school year. Our hope is that you will talk to your students about these meal sites before school lets out.

About the Summer Food Service Program

The SFSP operates when school is not in session during the summer months. It is designed to allow school districts, local governments and nonprofits to serve low-income kids and teens free meals when they do not have access to the nutrition school meals provide.

Meal sites are held at a variety of locations throughout the community. Eligible locations are determined through census, income or school data. Open meal sites provide free meals to any child age 18 and under.

Site locations can be found in a number of ways:

Call: 2-1-1 or 1-866-3-HUNGRY

Text: "food" to 877-877

Visit: SummerMealsNY.org

Sample Language to Use in Your Classroom

Hey Kids! Did you know you can get free breakfast and lunch this summer? The Summer Food Service Program provides free meals at different places around where we live. Free healthy meals are served to kids and teens for breakfast, lunch, and/or snack depending on the location. We are going to send home a flyer that looks like this [show kids the flyer with information on it] so you can show your mom/dad/ grandma/grandpa at home.