



SFSP Pilots

A new USDA initiative makes it easier for sponsors to provide meals to children in lower-income areas. Fourteen states with low participation rates were selected for the pilot project to increase the number of children in the program. The pilot will help determine whether the new provisions should be adopted on a nationwide scale.

What's new for sponsors?

- It eliminates cost-based accounting so that sponsors earn "meals times rates." This makes calculating payments easier.
- There are no separate accounts and records of administrative and operating costs.
- There is no reporting of costs to the State agency.
- It simplifies paperwork for all participating sponsors.
- It lets school sponsors operate SFSP the same way they run their food service programs during the regular school year.
- It is available to schools, government agencies, residential camps, and National Youth Sports Programs.

The 14 State agencies participating in the pilot through December of 2004, include:

**Alaska
Arkansas
Idaho
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky**

**Nebraska
New Hampshire
North Dakota
Oklahoma
Puerto Rico
Texas
Wyoming**



Contact the administering agency in your State to learn how you can become a sponsor.

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