



Four Ways to Participate

Become a Sponsor

As a sponsor, you can make a difference to the nutritional well-being of the children in your community. Not only will you receive training, but you will also be able to establish eligible sites; arrange for meal preparation and delivery; hire, train, and supervise staff; and perform other valuable community services for the children near you.

Run a Site

You may want to consider running a site. Some organizations do not have the financial or administrative ability to run the program, but can supervise food service for children, along with recreational or enrichment activities. You may want to consider supervising a site. You will receive valuable training by a sponsor on how to run a site. For more information, contact your State agency.

Be a Vendor

Organizations with kitchens and food service staff, including schools, can participate in SFSP as a vendor. As a vendor, you will prepare and deliver meals meeting Federal nutritional guidelines to sponsored sites.

Volunteer

If your organization cannot take on the responsibilities of a sponsor or a site, you can team up with a sponsor to volunteer to assist in activities that help make summer healthy and fun for the children in your community. By volunteering, you can teach a child to swim, fly a kite, garden, cook, read, and many other activities so important to the well-being of a child.

For more information on eligibility requirements and the ways you can participate in the SFSP, refer to the USDA publication, "A Guide To Starting The Summer Food Service Program In Your Community," or contact your State agency.

