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## **News Release**

### ***Sponsors Sought for Summer Food Service Program***

Are there hungry children in your area or school district when school is out?

The Colorado Department of Education, Nutrition Unit is seeking sponsors to operate the Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session.

Free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines are provided to all children at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. The program is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

You may qualify to be a sponsor if you are:

- A public or private non-profit school food authority
- A public or private non-profit residential camp
- A public or private college or university participating in the National Youth Sports Program
- A unit of local, county, municipal, State or Federal government
- Any other type of private non-profit organization

If you would like more information on being a sponsor in the Summer Food Service Program, contact the Colorado Department of Education, Nutrition Unit, 201 E. Colfax, suite 201, Denver, Colorado, 80203. You may also call Connie Harlow at 303-866-6650.

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