



Colorado Department of Education – Communications Office  
201 East Colfax Ave.  
Room 103  
Denver, CO 80203  
Phone: 303-866-3898  
Fax: 303-866-6938

**Jan. 22, 2010**

## **News Release**

### ***Join In The Colorado Campaign To End Childhood Hunger By Participating In The Summer Food Service Program***

The Colorado Department of Education's Nutrition Unit is seeking sponsors to operate the 2010 Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that children in low-income areas continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines are provided to all children 18 years of age and under at approved SFSP sites.

The program is 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 Connie Harlow at 303-866-6650 or complete the Prospective SFSP Sponsor Information Form located on the Colorado Department of Education Nutrition Unit Web site at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdenutritran/nutrisummer.htm>.

In the summer of 2009, the program served more than 750,000 meals at over 200 locations across the state.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write; USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**For more information, contact** Mark Stevens, 303-866-3898, or Megan McDermott, 303-866-2334, in the CDE Office of Communications. To sign up for the CDE e-mail news service, please visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/index.html>.

Follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/codepted>

# # #