

## Child Nutrition Programs During Disaster

Natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods, can be devastating to communities and require a quick response. Schools, child care centers, and summer sites that operate the National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Programs (SBP), the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) can help minimize disruptions to your family.

Here are some tips to help your children access healthy meals in the event of a disaster in your area:

### Eligibility

- ▶ Children in households' receiving D-SNAP (Disaster-Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits are eligible for free meals regardless of income.
- ▶ Children identified as homeless by a school or emergency shelter official are also eligible for free meals regardless of income.
- ▶ Eligibility for free meals will continue for the rest of the school year under NSLP and SBP or for a full year through CACFP or SFSP.
- ▶ Impacted families should contact their local school or child care center or summer site for more information on how to receive free meals through our programs.

### Site Types

- ▶ Summer sites and child care centers may serve free meals to families in the event of a disaster. You should contact the local child care centers, schools and summer sites in your area to determine what sites are providing free meals.
- ▶ Emergency shelters in your area also may be able to provide your family with free meals. Contact your local shelter for this information.

### Safety Tip

- ▶ Remember, the safety of you and your family is important. Some sites normally serving free meals to children may be relocated for safety reasons so check with your local providers before you travel to the site.

For more information and resources, please visit the FNS website at:  
[www.fns.usda.gov/disaster](http://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster)