

How Adult Education Programs Can Fight Childhood Hunger



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- The mission of the **Maryland Out of School Time Network** is to build a coalition of youth, families, community members, program providers, educators, funders, and policy makers to expand funding, implement more effective policies, and support increased program quality for youth opportunities in the out of school hours.

The State of Hunger in Maryland



- Today nearly 207,000 children in Maryland are facing food insecurities and are at risk for hunger.
- In some cases a child's last meal is lunch at school and not again until breakfast the next morning.



What is the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program?

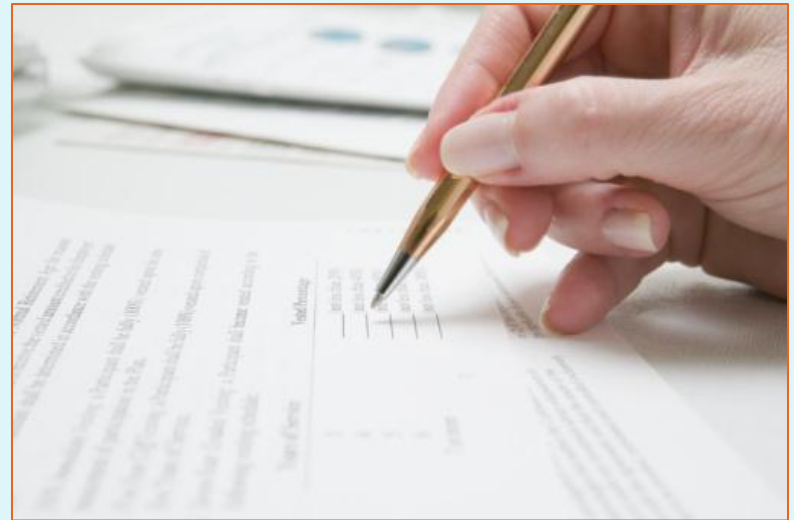


- Federal nutrition program providing reimbursement money to afterschool programs providing nutritious meals.
- Maryland was one of the original thirteen states plus the District of Columbia to operate this program.
- Eligibilities:
 - Program is located in an area in which 50% of the children qualify for free and reduced-price school meals
 - Enrichment component (mentoring or homework help)
 - Serving children 18 years or younger
 - Must meet state and local health and safety requirements

What is the Application Process?



- Contact the Maryland State Department of Education for eligibility (410) 767-0214
- Attend Mandatory Orientation & Training Session
- Submit Application to MSDE
- Pre-Approval Site Visit
- Approval
- Review Process



Afterschool Meals Program Sponsor vs. Site



Sponsor Responsibilities

- Attend the MSDE-SCNPB training session
- Hire, train, and supervise staff
- Arrange for meals to be prepared or delivered
- Monitor sites
- Prepare claims for reimbursement
- Locate eligible sites (if serving multiple programs or locations)

Site Responsibilities

- Attend your sponsor's annual training
- Supervise activities and meals service at your site
- Distribute meals in accordance to CACFP guidelines
- Keep daily records of meals served
- Store food appropriately
- Keep the site clean and sanitary

What Does This Mean for You?



- Increased participation in your program
 - Retaining and strengthening current participants
 - Attracting new participants to your program
- More effectively meeting the needs of your clients and the community
- More money for programming and staff

What this could look like for you.

If children are present

- Create a place for children to receive an enrichment activity:
 - homework assistance, tutoring, arts and crafts, computer lab, life skills, or physical activities

If children are not present

- Provide participants with informational materials:
 - WIC, SNAP, food banks, food pantries, etc
 - ✦ Materials can be acquired free of charge through DHR or USDA
- Utilize SAIL - DHR's online benefits screening and application tool

Questions?

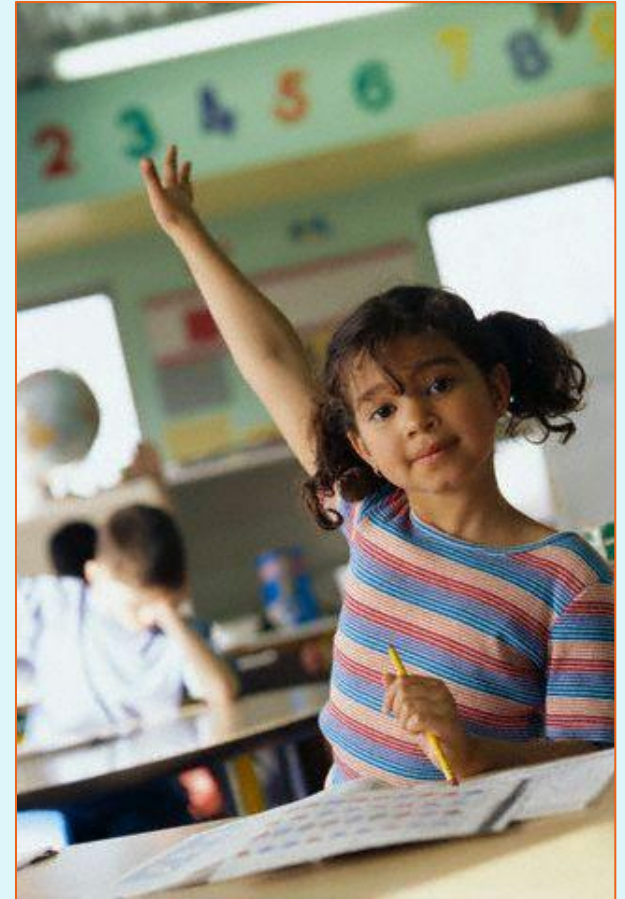


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Additional Resources



- **At-Risk Afterschool Meals Toolkit**
 - http://mdhungersolutions.org/pdf/your_guide_to_the_after_school_meal_program.pdf
- **SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)**
 - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/>
- **WIC**
 - <http://fha.maryland.gov/wic/>
- **SAIL**
 - <https://www.marylandsail.org/>