

State of Alabama Department of Education
Child Nutrition Programs , Summer Food Service Program

PUBLIC RELEASE CERTIFICATION

Open Migrant and Open Sites

Original Update Date of Revision _____

Sponsors are required to send public releases to the media located in the area where the site(s) draws its attendance. Include a list of all approved sites with their location, dates of operation, serving times and the non-discrimination statement. The Press Release should be on the organization letterhead, a sample is provided below. Keep a copy of the public releases sent to the media.

This certifies that the following media outlets received a Press Release containing the information in the Sample below.

Name of Media Outlet	Date of Scheduled Release

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Press Release Sample

The _____ (Name of Sponsor) is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at all sites listed on the attached form showing the specified start and end times for meals (Include Attachment C-3).

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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I certify that the Public Release sent to the above media outlets included all the information required for the Public Release; including a complete listing of all current sites and meal times and the non-discrimination statement.

Signature of Sponsor Representative

Date