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**2022 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SPONSOR SIGN UP BEGINS**

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District I

**Montgomery, AL.** - Many families depend on school meals to provide nourishment to their children during the school year. At the culmination of the school year, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) fills the “nutrition gap” by way of sites operated by approved sponsors.

Tracie West  
District II

**WHAT IS THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)?**

- The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) would like to announce the opportunity for organizations to register for SFSP. This program will provide meals to children during the summer of 2022. Approved organizations will be reimbursed for meals and snacks that meet USDA’s SFSP nutrition guidelines.
- ALSDE encourages schools, parks and recreation programs, faith-based organizations, and other nonprofit organizations to offer meals through the Summer Food Service Program in eligible areas.

Stephanie Bell  
District III

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV  
Vice President

All children 18 years and under who attend an approved site will receive meals provided by SFSP sponsors. Training will be provided for eligible sponsors who operate this beneficial, underutilized program that provides snacks or meals to participants in needy areas without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.  
District V

**WHO CAN SPONSOR THE SFSP?**

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.  
District VI

- Local SFA (School Food Authority) sponsors
- Government and Private Non-Profit Organizations
- New Government Sponsoring Organizations
- New Private Non-Profit Sponsoring Organizations

Belinda McRae  
District VII

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.  
District VIII  
President Pro Tem

Information can be obtained by contacting Alabama State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs at 334-694-4659 or visit our website: [www.breakforaplate.com/summer](http://www.breakforaplate.com/summer)

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**Registration**

**Follow the steps to register:**

- Go to [www.breakforaplate.com/summer](http://www.breakforaplate.com/summer)
- Click the "Sponsor" icon at the bottom left of the screen
- Select "Summer Food Program Training"
- Complete registration form

More information can be obtained by contacting the Alabama State Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs at (334) 694-4659.

\*\*All Center for Disease control (CDC) guidelines will be enforced.

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