



FRAC: Afterschool Nutrition Programs

Model Program

Food Bank Uses CACFP to Serve Suppers

Food Bank of Northern Nevada, NV

Overview

- In Northern Nevada, approximately 900 children in 18 afterschool programs are receiving CACFP-funded suppers thanks to a partnership between their programs and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada's "Kids Café" - America's Second Harvest's meal service and nutrition education program operated by members of its network of food banks or food-rescue programs.
- One afterschool program is located in a church, another is in a community recreation center, and the rest are in schools.
- Many of the school sites receive 21st Century Community Learning Center funding.
- Approximately half of the school sites provide snacks in addition to suppers through the National School Lunch Program.

Process for Meal Service

- The school food service department prepares the suppers for all locations.
- It delivers the meals to the two afterschool programs not physically located at schools at no additional charge to the food bank.
- Since the programs allow children to "drop in," one of the challenges is ensuring that the correct number of meals is prepared so that food is not wasted.
- The cafeteria staff tracks participation to better determine how many meals are needed each day.
- Since Nevada is not one of the eight supper states with special area eligibility rules, the food bank has to individually determine which of the children age 12 and under are eligible for free, reduced-price, or paid meals.
- It receives the students' eligibility status from the school, which saves a tremendous amount of time and effort.
- Older children, age 13 through 18, are only eligible for snacks.
- The food bank chooses to serve the older children suppers, but only receives the snack reimbursement and absorbs the difference between the cost of the meal and the snack reimbursement.
- The food bank covers the additional costs of feeding the older children suppers because it is a nutritious, well-balanced evening meal that some of them might not receive otherwise.

Creative Practices

- During the summer, the food bank switches to the Summer Food Service Program.
- This summer it will provide meals to 14 sites.
- It tailors the type of meal service - whether the program receives breakfasts, lunches, dinners, or snacks (but no more than two meals) - to meet the needs of each summer program.

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