

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AFTERSCHOOL MEALS



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**, provides kids and teens in low-income areas free meals after the school day. There are a number of ways that local organizations can get involved.

RESOURCES

Check out the Child and Adult Care Food Program website: www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp

How Does It Work?

There are three main players involved: State agencies, sponsors, and sites.

- State agencies administer the program and communicate with USDA.
- The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank as the sponsor, enters into agreements with state agencies to run the program.
- Sites are places in the community where children receive meals in a safe and supervised environment. Sites may be located in a variety of settings, including schools, parks, community centers, health clinics, hospitals, apartment complexes, churches, and migrant centers. Sites work directly with sponsors.

How Can Your Organization Participate?

1. Contact the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank to see if you can become a site that serves afterschool meals.
2. Promote the CACFP program to your community. Put up flyers and door hangers with information on where free afterschool meals are being served to help families find a nearby site.
3. Provide fun activities for the kids & teens at your site to keep them coming back and to keep them physically and mentally active. Recruit volunteers to help at your site.



Complete the survey: <https://brfoodbank.org/CACFPsurvey>



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