Child Nutrition Programs

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Child Nutrition Programs In Minnesota

Provide financial or food resources to individuals or families that meet income guidelines

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Federal agency that sets eligibility and regulations for states to administer.

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TNAF)

Minnesota Department of Health

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
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Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

National School Lunch and Breakfast Program (NSLP)

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
MDE administers programs that reimburse public, for profit and nonprofit schools and community based organizations for providing nutritious meals to children in care.
Why are these programs at MDE?

• Schools are community hubs for educating and caring for children

• Schools have the infrastructure and resources to feed thousands of students every day

• Having CACFP at MDE allows for one state agency to administer meal programs for children from 0-18 years of age

• For SFSP, schools provide a majority of summer feeding sites for the community

• It facilitates one state agency developing the tools and resources for sponsors to access
## Child Nutrition Programs in Department of Education

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Community Nutrition Programs

The programs do...

• Provide reimbursement funds for eligible meals

• Reimburse meals that meet established dietary guidelines

• Allocate more resources to areas of high need (low-income)

• Need set by level of free or reduced percentages of children or census information

The programs do not...

• Allow competition between programs

• Reimburse for non-meal bulk grocery/food distribution

• Outside of licensed adult day care programs, reimburse for adult meals
What does MDE need help with....?

• Feeding every child in Minnesota requires strong partnerships

• MDE administered programs can’t meet the needs of all children or their families

• Educating families on the available resources to access meals

• Recruiting staff to join our division to assist in providing quality training and technical assistance to sponsors
Thank you
Enjoy the day

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