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REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVING SUMMER MEALS TO CHILDREN

Cheyenne – The Wyoming Department of Education announces it is seeking sponsors to participate in the *Summer Food Service Program* for the summer of 2015.

Just as learning does not end when school lets out, the need for good nutrition remains. Children learn better, behave better, and feel better when they aren't hungry.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps all children to the age of 18 receive the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow during summer months, when they don't have access to other school meal programs.

The SFSP is administered at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, while the Wyoming Department of Education manages it at the state level.

Many Wyoming communities have successfully participated in the program, but there remains a need for serving sites. We'd like to see more communities involved in the effort to help children receive good nutrition during the summer months.

The SFSP can be a part of a YMCA, Parks and Recreations, libraries, churches, or other private, non-profit program. Summer sites must meet specific criteria regarding the income eligibility of either children living in the area, or children enrolled in the program at the chosen site. We can help with obtaining information for possible sites in your community.

If you're interested in setting up a Summer Food Service Program feeding site, or would like more details, please contact Amanda Anderson, Nutrition Programs Consultant, at 307-777-7168. Even though summer seems far away, the need for planning is now.