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**(BCHD17-176) BCHD Info – Summer Meals for New Jersey Children**

When school lets out, hunger sets in for many of the 428,000 students who rely on school meals during the academic year, especially as family budgets are stretched tight. To combat childhood hunger – and keep children healthy all year long – communities across New Jersey are serving free, healthy summer meals.

**About Summer Meals**

In general, summer meals programs, funded through the USDA, are free and require no identification or income verification from parents. Meals are served at places where children congregate -- parks, schools, pools, recreation programs and a growing number of libraries. Meals must meet USDA nutrition guidelines, which call for balanced meals that contain low salt and sugar and whole grains.

This summer, New Jersey expects to have nearly 1,400 sites across the state serving meals to kids under 18. Not only do these programs provide nutritious meals, they also give kids a chance to engage in fun, healthy activities during the summer months.

Please help combat childhood hunger, keep kids healthy and ensure that children have the summertime nutrition they need to return to school in September ready to learn.

Click on this link to see the list of summer meal sponsors in Burlington and other New Jersey counties:  
<https://acnj.org/food-for-thought/2017-new-jersey-summer-meals-sponsors/>

For more information about summer meals in New Jersey and to find sites in your community, contact the New Jersey Department of Agriculture at 609-292-4498, [SFSPCommunication@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:SFSPCommunication@ag.state.nj.us) or visit the Department's [website](#).

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