



# Arkansas Department of Human Services



## Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education Special Nutrition Programs

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Hello to all 2011 Summer Food Sponsors participating this year. We wanted to check in with you and give you a few reminders:

First, kids are allowed to eat at any site they choose. They are not obligated to go to one particular site because it is close to where they live. If they decide to go to a site across town, for whatever reason, they have that right. You as a sponsor cannot tell them, they can't eat at your site because they don't live in that area, nor can you tell them, they have to eat at your site because it's closer.

Secondly, PLEASE encourage the kids to sit and eat their meals at the site. It is your responsibility to provide adequate space for them to sit and eat. We do not want you to force them to stay but you cannot hand out meals with no intentions of having them sit and eat.

Lastly, you cannot drive around the neighborhood handing out meals to kids. We are not "Meals on Wheels". You cannot go door to door handing out meals. The kids must come to your site to receive meals. You can pickup kids but we highly recommend that you do not, due to licensing requirements. We cannot stress this enough, we want you to feed kids but we have to make sure we are doing it correctly.

If you have any questions about this or anything, please feel free to contact us: Special Nutrition Programs, Summer Food Service Program 501-682-8869. Thru cooperation from all of you, we can make this a great summer for the kids.

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