

# THE FLORIDA AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

## ABOUT AMP

Across Florida, many children rely on school meals as a source of healthy, nutritious food to help them grow, learn, and stay active throughout the day. After a busy school day, many children are hungry, and an afternoon meal can help them make it through the rest of the day, especially if they do not have a healthy meal waiting at home. The At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program (AMP) is a federal nutrition program that offers funding to offset the costs of serving meals at school-based, public, non-profit, and some for-profit afterschool enrichment sites. The program offers funding for snacks (2-components) and suppers (5-components) and breakfast or lunch may be served as an alternative on weekends and school holidays. Meals may be served to children and teens who are 18 or under as of the beginning of the school year. This program is funded by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) as part of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). In Florida, the program is administered by the Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Food Programs (DOH CCFP). All meals must meet specific USDA meal pattern requirements.

## PROVIDE AMP

**Sponsors** take on the administrative and financial responsibility of operating the program and receive federal reimbursement for meals served. A sponsor can provide meals to children at one or multiple sites in the community. Sponsors have the option of producing meals themselves (self-prep) or have a caterer prepare and deliver their meals (catered).

**Sites** are the physical locations of the afterschool programs where meals are served to children through AMP. Programs that do not wish to take on the full financial and/or administrative responsibilities of a sponsor can operate under an approved sponsor as a site if such a sponsor is available in their area.

## SITE ELIGIBILITY

- Programs must be operated by a public or private nonprofit organization or certain for-profit organizations.
- Program sites must be located in an area served by a school in which at least 50% of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- The program must provide after school care with regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities that are structured and supervised.
- A childcare license from the Florida Department of Children and Families or proof of licensure exemption is required.
- Sites where programs are offered must meet state and local health and safety standards.
- Programs must keep attendance records, daily meal counts, menus, and expenditure records to qualify for reimbursement.

For more information, please visit:

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