
General Information Memorandum

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TO: ISD Employees

FROM:  Marilyn Martinez, Director, Income Support Division

RE: Promoting the Summer Meal Programs for NM Children

DATE: June 9, 2015

New Mexico is currently ranked as 2nd in the nation (behind Washington DC) for feeding children when school is out, but this means we are reaching only 37/100 children who eat meals at school during the school year. New Mexico families rely on the meals their children receive at school and may not know that their children can also access meals when school is closed for the summer.

All staff members are encouraged to make clients aware of the summer meal programs that are available to New Mexico children when school is not in session this summer. USDA sponsors this critical program in New Mexico through CYFD and PED. All children ages 1-18 are eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch at over 700 locations across the state. To find out where summer meals are being served, go to http://summerfoodnm.org/meal_sites_map.htm or call 1-800-EAT-COOL (1-800-328-2665) during normal business hours.

Flyers and posters about the program will be sent to all local offices in the coming weeks. Please share this information with your clients. For more information, contact Mary Oleske at 505-841-2696.