


**MEMORANDUM**

November 20, 2019

**TO:** Health and Human Services Committee  
Education Committee

**FROM:** Vivian Yao, Legislative Analyst 

**SUBJECT:** Summer Food Security for Youth

**PURPOSE:** Discuss summer food programs for youth and barriers to and opportunities for improving food security in the summer.

The following individuals are expected to participate in the discussion:

- Susan McCarron, Director, Division of Food and Nutrition Services, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)
- Eugenia (Jeanie) Dawson, Director, Department of Materials Management, MCPS
- Thomas Tippet, Performance Management Analyst, CountyStat
- Amanda Neshier, Food Security Program Manager, Montgomery County Food Council
- Dr. Travis Gayles, Public Health Officer and Chief of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Diana Tato-Niktash, Food Council Manager, DHHS
- Robin Riley, Director, Department of Recreation
- Adriane Clutter, Division Chief, Department of Recreation

In addition, Dr. James Bridgers and Karen Thompkins with DHHS Public Health Services are expected to attend the meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

Councilmember Glass requested this discussion to learn about the MCPS summer meals program and other food access and feeding services for youth in the summer. He has expressed concern about the lack of summer meals programming in August, as many sites end services at the beginning of August, and is interested in exploring service expansion to more youth and at more locations during this period.

The Montgomery County Food Council (Food Council) estimates that between 60,000 and 70,000 Montgomery County residents, including at least 30,000 children, are food insecure<sup>1</sup>. Out of the over 162,000 students who were enrolled in MCPS in the 2018-2019 school year, over 55,000 were eligible for free or reduced priced meals service (FARMS). The Food Council points out that because of the high cost of living in the County, many families do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance programs but do not make enough to cover all household costs and run the risk of cutting their monthly food budget. During school breaks, food insecurity for families with school-based children is compounded, as access to daily school meals may be disrupted.

The Joint Committee will hear from representatives of MCPS, CountyStat, the Food Council, DHHS and the Department of Recreation about existing summer meal and food access services for youth, barriers to accessing or delivering services, and opportunities for improving food security in the summer.

### **MCPS SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a USDA federally funded, state administered program designed to provide nutritious meals at no cost to children 18 years of age and younger. The MCPS Division of Food and Nutrition Services is the summer food service sponsor in Montgomery County.

According to information provided by MCPS, approximately 34% of MCPS students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals; and this program is designed to bridge the “nutrition gap” when school is out. Sites may be located in a variety of settings, including schools, parks, community centers, apartment complexes, churches, and agencies that focus on youth development and food security.

#### ***Program sites***

MCPS SFSP operates from when school lets out for the summer to when it starts up in September; however, services are limited by the number and operation of program sites. In Summer 2019, there were 124 summer food program meal sites categorized as follows:

- 13 Open sites for any child 18 years and younger operating in areas where at least 50% of children are eligible for FARMS;
- 92 Open Restricted sites without public access operating in areas where at least 50% of children are eligible for FARMS; and
- 19 closed sites not in an eligible low-income area but at least 50% of the program’s roster qualifies for FARMS.

A list of program sites is provided at ©9-16. The list identifies organizations partnering with MCPS to make meals available. These partners may include recreation programs

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<sup>1</sup> Food insecurity refers to individuals that do not have consistent access to safe, sufficient and nutritious food.

like Food, Fun, and Fitness (see description at ©33, 54-57), MCPS summer academic programs, summer camps, Linkages to Learning, public libraries, community-based organizations, housing entities, and faith-based communities.

MCPS has provided a list of 60 schools that have a FARMS rate of 50% or more in the 2019-2020 school year and would be eligible for summer meals in 2020. A large majority of these sites hosted summer meals programs in 2019. MCPS will not have the option of offering open restricted sites in 2020 because of regulation changes. Due to concerns about safety and security in serving all individuals 18 years or younger at a given site, current partners may not wish to host meal sites in 2020. **The Joint Committee should seek feedback from participants about how the anticipated regulation change will impact meal sites in 2020.**

### ***SFSP Usage***

In 2019, the 124 SFSP sites served approximately 8,700 meals daily over 54 summer program days. Data on the number of meals served and operating days between 2015 and 2019 is provided at ©22. The average daily meals served varied widely given the month of service delivery with an average of 18,100 meals served in July compared to 2,251 in August.

In August, the number of sites that served meals decreased significantly with 29 sites serving meals through the first half of the month, and 18 sites serving meals into the last week of the month. Providing service in August is more challenging as partners often finish summer programming at the beginning of the month, and school space becomes limited as preparation for the upcoming school year occurs in the weeks leading up to the start of school.

Council staff notes that the totals for SFSP meals in 2019 do not include summer meals served as part of the National School Lunch Program at Roscoe Nix and Arcola Elementary Schools, the two extended school year pilot schools. The number of meals served at those two schools is provided at ©28.

The Joint Committee will receive a presentation from CountyStat representative Thomas Tippett who has developed mapping tools related to SFSP and identifying strategic places to expand the summer meals programs.

### **OTHER SUMMER FOOD ACCESS AND MEALS PROGRAMS**

The MCPS summer meals program, an important resource to support summer food security for youth, is one program existing within a larger system of supports for families. Other publicly funded food access programs include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), USDA's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and the USDA's Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Other summer food access programs targeted at youth include the following:

### ***Summer SNAP***

The Summer SNAP for Children Act was enacted by the Maryland State Legislature this year to expand access to healthy food when school is out. The program will provide a \$30 monthly cash benefit for food to low-income children in the summer months and \$10 during winter break. See also ©52-53. The Critical Issues Forum, comprised of three synagogues (Temple Beth Ami, Kol Shalom, and Adat Shalom) located in Montgomery County, were instrumental in advocating for this legislation.

DHHS reports that the program is being vetted by the Maryland Department of Human Services. The Department has put in a \$100,000 request for a pilot program, using Temporary Cash Assistance customers for the initial application. The pilot would serve approximately 1,574 children. The Department does not expect a response until early December.

The Food Council notes that the State's budget for this program is extremely limited and that further advocacy at the State level is needed to prioritize funding for the program in future years.

### ***Weekend Bag Programs***

The following organizations provide weekend bag service to children at specific sites during the summer.

- Manna Food Center (Manna) Smart Sacks: service to 17 schools (see ©38-39) for 4-6 weeks for a total of 7,477 bags in summer 2019.
- Kids in Need Distributors (KIND): KIND served 720 children at six schools see (see ©39-40) for four weekends in the summer.
- Women Who Care Ministries: Provides weekend bags for five weekends in the summer to approximately 500 students.
- Up to Us Foundation: Up to Us Foundation is a recently established nonprofit that provides weekend bags over the summer to Harmony Hills Elementary School.

Council staff notes that the distribution of weekend bags in the summer occurs at a significantly lower service level than during the school year. According to Manna, the Smart Sacks program served approximately 921 children weekly in the summer time, compared to 2,950 children during the school year.

### ***Nourish Now Summer Meals Program***

Nourish Now provided healthy breakfasts, lunches, snacks and beverages to approximately 4,000 students during the summer through free summer camp programs.



Information about where and when the meals were provided was not available at the time of packet publication.

## **BARRIERS**

The Joint Committee will hear from representatives from MCPS, DHHS, the Department of Recreation, and the Food Council on barriers that students and families have in accessing summer meals and options for expanding service. Some of these issues include the following:

- ***Available partners and staffing:*** There is a need to attract partners to locate and administer summer meal sites that are accessible and frequented by children and families. Council staff understands that SFSP program sites need trained supervisors to track meals served and ensure that food safety standards are met. Manna notes that a barrier to operating Smart Sacks in the summer has been that many school contacts that administer bag distribution during the school year do not work in the summer.

Changes to SFSP in 2020 will limit an organization's ability restrict services at an open meal site. Because organizations may have concerns about safety and security in opening services to a larger population, the regulation may have an impact on the numbers of partners willing to host meal sites moving forward.

- ***Marketing:*** Some families are unaware of services due to lack of outreach and language barriers. MCPS works with MSDE and other partners to market the program throughout the year, see ©7-8. However, other organization may have less ability to market available services.
- ***Transportation:*** Students may live in neighborhoods that may be too far to access summer meal sites. Some students may need to walk long distances or cross heavily trafficked routes in high temperatures.
- ***Program space:*** Finding locations to host programs can be challenging especially in weeks leading up to school when summer recreation programs are ending and school space is unavailable in preparation for the upcoming school year.
- ***Eligibility criteria:*** Providing service in areas of 50%+ FARMS limits access to needed meals services. Vulnerable families may be located in non-qualifying areas.
- ***Family issues:*** Children may not be allowed to leave home and may need to watch younger siblings while parents work. Families cannot eat meals together at SFSP sites because food is limited to students 18 and under. Adult meals are not available.

- **Stigma:** Some students may feel embarrassed participating in free meal programs. Pairing meal sites with programming like Food, Fun, and Fitness mobile recreation may reduce the stigma of accessing food and draw kids to meal sites. Expansion of the program was recommended in the Food Security Plan.
- **Meal size and options:** Size of meals and food choice may influence whether older children choose to participate in the meal programs. Small portions may leave older students hungry after finishing meals. More appealing, healthy choices could encourage greater participation. Council staff understands that options may be limited by USDA requirements.

### **Discussion Issues**

The Joint Committee may be interested in discussing the following issues with meeting participants:

- What are the priorities for expanding summer food services?
  - Should expansion focus on service in August and/or throughout the summer?
  - What type of services should be expanded, e.g., additional mobile sites, open sites? Is there a way to expand weekend bag programs? The Food Council recommends increased funding for bags, meals, snacks, vouchers and other consumable items.
  - What partners can be recruited to provide access at communal sites – recreation facilities; libraries, housing developments, etc.?
  - Are there specific underserved areas that should be targeted?
  - Should services be coupled with other programming to increase participation? The Montgomery County Food Security Plan recommended the expansion of SFSP by adding new sites and expanding Food and Fitness coverage in underserved areas.
  - Are there best practices that can be implemented? The Food Council has highlighted programs from other jurisdictions like summer barbecues and expanding summer nutrition programs in healthcare facilities
- Are there infrastructure supports that need to be improved to make existing services better used?

- The Montgomery County Food Security Plan recommended additional program outreach to increase enrollment at existing sites. Are there specific practices to reach low-income language diverse populations?
- The Food Council recommends implementing its Screen & Intervene processes to help food insecure individuals know about available resources.
- Can the County support advocacy efforts to maintain/expand State funding for programs like Summer SNAP?
- The Food Council recommends additional investment in staff time and resources to develop a comprehensive overview of summer food access options.
- What resources may be available to support service improvement or expansion efforts? Are there low-cost efforts or policy changes that can improve access to summer food for youth?

The packet contains the following attachments:

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# Summer Food Service Program

## Montgomery County

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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# Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Montgomery County

## Program Overview

### Program Mission

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The MCPS Division of Food and Nutrition Services is the summer food service sponsor in Montgomery County and about 9,500 children are served at approximately 120 locations each day.

**Our goal is to provide meals to as many children as possible!**

### Eligibility Guidelines

#### Open Sites

Operate in low-income areas where at least 50% of the children residing in that area are eligible for free and reduced priced meals based on local school data.

- Determination is made by the Division of Food and Nutrition Services based on 2019-2020 Official FARMS Data.

#### Closed Enrolled Sites

Established for a specific group of children enrolled in an organized activity not in an area eligible low-income area.

- Determination is made by the Division of Food and Nutrition Services based on the Official Roster of the program.
- At least 50% of the enrolled children in the program qualified for free or reduced priced meals during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Meals are served to all enrolled children if the Official Roster qualifies at 50% or greater.

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## Area Eligibility: Summer Food Program 2020

The program must be located in a school or at a location close to a school where 50% of the students enrolled are eligible for free or reduced price meals. If the school is a middle or high school, the closest elementary school must have the 50% free and reduced student enrollment.

The schools listed below are area eligible for summer meals in 2020. Eligibility is based on the Official FARMS for school year 2019-2020.

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>FARMS %</b>
Leleck Elementary School & Broad Acres	88.15%
Kemp Mill Elementary School	88.14%
New Hampshire Estates Elementary School	87.99%
Gaithersburg Elementary School	85.17%
South Lake Elementary School	84.07%
Sargent Shriver Elementary School	83.74%
Wheaton Woods Elementary School	80.87%
Harmony Hills Elementary School	80.80%
Weller Road Elementary School	80.11%
Summit Hall Elementary School	79.55%
Rolling Terrace Elementary School	79.20%
Highland Elementary School	76.87%
Jackson Road Elementary School	74.45%
Georgian Forest Elementary School	74.32%
Arcola Elementary School	73.94%
Captain James Daly Elementary School	73.63%
Oak View Elementary School	70.95%
Watkins Mill Elementary School	70.77%
Whetstone Elementary School	70.35%
Twinbrook Elementary School	68.96%
Roscoe Nix Elementary School	68.31%
Cresthaven Elementary School	67.79%
Greencastle Elementary School	67.68%
Washington Grove Elementary School	66.95%
Viers Mill Elementary School	65.93%
Clopper Mill Elementary School	64.91%
Bel Pre Elementary School	64.37%
Brookhaven Elementary School	64.33%
Burnt Mills Elementary School	63.32%
Strathmore Elementary School	63.13%
Brown Station Elementary School	61.35%
Fairland Elementary School	60.83%



<b>Elementary Schools (Continued)</b>	<b>FARMS %</b>
Cannon Road Elementary School	59.85%
Montgomery Knolls Elementary School	59.66%
Stedwick Elementary School	59.12%
Galway Elementary School	58.17%
Flower Hill Elementary School	57.70%
Rosemont Elementary School	57.42%
Glenallen Elementary School	57.39%
Glen Haven Elementary School	55.88%
Lake Seneca Elementary School	54.12%
Judith A. Resnik Elementary School	53.95%
Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School	53.63%
Meadow Hall Elementary School	52.07%
S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School	51.07%
Waters Landing Elementary School	51.43%
Fox Chapel Elementary School	51.13%
East Silver Spring Elementary School	50.20%

<b>Middle Schools</b>	<b>FARMS %</b>
Neelsville Middle School	65.30%
Montgomery Village Middle School	64.54%
White Oak Middle School	63.97%
Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School	63.70%
Forest Oak Middle School	57.11%
Francis Scott Key Middle School	57.01%
Argyle Middle School	56.36%
Loiederman Middle School	54.85%
Eastern Middle School	51.05%
Parkland Middle School	51.01%

<b>High Schools</b>	<b>FARMS %</b>
Watkins Mill High School	50.46%

<b>Alternative and Special Schools</b>	<b>FARMS %</b>
Carl Sandburg Center	53.06%



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## Program Outreach

### Community Partnerships

The Summer Food Program depends on partnerships within the community to ensure that meals reach children in high-risk areas, and are served to the population following USDA guidelines and regulations.

Montgomery County: Parks & Recreation	Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Gaithersburg Parks and Recreation Rockville Parks and Recreation Mobile Sites
Montgomery County Public Schools	Extended Learning Opportunity (Title I-ELO) Extended School Year (ESY-Special Education) Head Start Regional Summer School Linkages to Learning Summer Up Program
Montgomery County Public Libraries	Germantown Library (Mobile Site)
Community Agencies	YMCA of Greater Washington Germantown Boys & Girls Club Family Services, Inc. Identity Program Girl Scouts of America Asian American Lead (AALEAD) Judy Center TESS Community Center North Creek Community Center
Faith Based Communities	City of Faith God Glorified Church ICOG-Church of God Clifton Baptist Church New Creation Church
Montgomery Housing Opportunity Commission	Several Locations (Summer Enrichment)

*During the school year, 22 million children receive free or reduced-priced meals through the National School Lunch Program. When school is out during the summer months, however, only 3.76 million receive free or reduced-price meals through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. This gap of roughly 1 in 6 summer to school-time participants is the result of various barriers experienced only during the summer, including a lack of access to meal sites, insufficient program awareness, and limited resources when schools are closed. (Source: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/our-work/hunger-relief-programs/summer-food-service-program>)*

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## Open Sites: Walk-In Locations and Mobile Sites

Open Sites and Mobile Sites provide meals to any child 18 years and younger. They are often located in area eligible schools or in facilities where the closest elementary school has a FARMS % of 50% or greater. No identification or appointment necessary. Any child 18 years of age and younger can receive a meal.

### Mobile Sites

- Middlebrook Mobile Community
- MCPL: Montgomery County Public Library-Germantown

**CHILDREN 18 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER MAY COME TO ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY TO RECEIVE A HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS MEAL.**

No appointment is necessary, but the meal must be eaten at the location.

**CITY OF FAITH**  
8051 Cessna Avenue, Suite 160 • Gaithersburg, MD  
7/8—8/31 • BREAKFAST 9:00-10:00 am • LUNCH 11:30 am-1:00 pm

**ROBERTO CLEMENTE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
18808 Waring Station Road • Germantown, MD  
7/1—8/9 • LUNCH 12:00-2:00 pm

**EAST SILVER SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
631 Silver Spring Avenue • Silver Spring, MD  
7/1—8/9 • BREAKFAST 9:00-10:00 am

**FOX CHAPEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
19315 Archdale Road • Germantown, MD  
7/1—8/9 • LUNCH 11:00 am-1:00 pm

**GAITHERSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
35 North Summit Avenue • Gaithersburg, MD  
7/1—8/24 • LUNCH 11:00 am-1:00 pm

**GALWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
12612 Galway Drive • Silver Spring, MD  
7/1—8/9 • BREAKFAST 8:30-9:30 am • LUNCH 11:45 am-1:45 pm

**GREENCASTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
13611 Robey Road • Silver Spring, MD  
7/1—8/9 • BREAKFAST 8:00-9:00 am • LUNCH 12:00-2:00 pm

**HARMONY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
13407 Lydia Street • Silver Spring, MD  
7/1—8/9 • BREAKFAST 9:00-10:00 am

**JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL**  
1901 Randolph Road • Silver Spring, MD  
7/1—8/2 • BREAKFAST 8:00-9:00 am • LUNCH 11:00 am-1:00 pm

**COL. E. BROOKE LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
11800 Monticello Avenue • Silver Spring, MD  
7/1—8/9 • LUNCH 11:00 am-1:00 pm

**MIDDLEBROOK MOBILE**  
19515 North Frederick Road • Germantown, MD  
7/1—8/9 • LUNCH 12:45-2:00 pm

**MCPL GERMANTOWN MOBILE**  
19840 Century Boulevard • Germantown, MD  
7/1—8/9 • LUNCH 11:00 am-12:15 pm

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## Marketing Materials

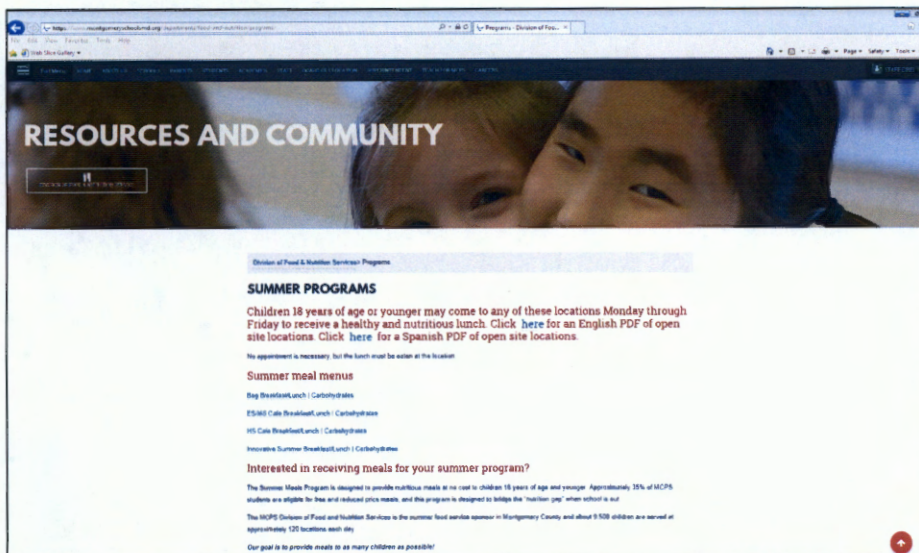
Marketing of the program occurs throughout the year. Information can be found on the Division of Food and Nutrition Services website and social media sites (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

Yard signs, post cards and posters are also available to promote participation at all Open Sites.

- Materials are available in English and Spanish



Materials made available through the Maryland Department of Education



Division of Food and Nutrition Services Website

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SUMMER MEALS  
AVAILABLE HERE**  
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS  
No registration required

**COMIDAS GRATIS  
PARA NIÑOS Y ADOLESCENTES  
DURANTE EL VERANO  
DISPONIBLES AQUI**  
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Yard signs made available through the Maryland Department of Education and Share Our Strength



Signage added to truck that delivers mobile meals to Middlebrook Mobile Community & MCPL: Germantown Library

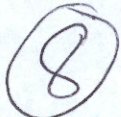
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*(at participating locations)*

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Summer Signage: 2019





## Program Logistics

### Summer Food Program: 2019 Meal Sites

5 Star Kids & Layhill Church Partnership: Layhill Church (Faith Based) Program: Summer Camp	1916 Bonifant Road	Silver Spring	MD	20906
Amherst Apartments Partnership: Amherst Apartments Program: Summer Enrichment	11509 Elkin Street	Silver Spring	MD	20902
Argyle Middle School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	2400 Bel Pre Road	Silver Spring	MD	20906
Banneker Middle School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	14800 Perrywood Drive	Burtonsville	MD	20866
Bauer Drive Community Center Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	14625 Bauer Drive	Rockville	MD	20853
Bel Pre Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	13801 Rippling Brook Drive	Silver Spring	MD	20906
Blair High School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Programming: Summer School, Athletics	51 University Boulevard East	Silver Spring	MD	20901
Blake High School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Regional Summer School	300 Norwood Road	Silver Spring	MD	20905
Borher Park Partnership: Gaithersburg Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Camps	506 S. Frederick Avenue	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
Brookhaven Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	4610 Renn Street	Rockville	MD	20853
Burnt Mills Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	11211 Childs Street	Silver Spring	MD	20901
Cabin John Middle School Partnership:	10701 Gainsborough Road	Potomoc	MD	20854
Cannon Road Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	901 Cannon Road	Silver Spring	MD	20904
Cashell Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	17101 Cashell Road	Rockville	MD	20853
Churchill High School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Regional Summer School	11300 Gainsborough Road	Potomoc	MD	20854
Cider Mill Apartments Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	18205 Lost Knife Circle	Montgomery Village	MD	20886
City of Faith Partnership: City of Faith (Faith Based) Program: Summer Camp	8051 Cessna Avenue #160	Gaithersburg	MD	20879
Clarksburg High School	22500 Wims Road	Clarksburg	MD	20871

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Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer Bridge-PTECH				
<b>Clemente Middle School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness	18808 Waring Station Road	Germantown	MD	20874
<b>Clopper Mill Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	18501 Cinnamon Drive	Germantown	MD	20874
<b>College Gardens Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	1700 Yale Place	Rockville	MD	20850
<b>Cresthaven Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	1234 Cresthaven Drive	Silver Spring	MD	20903
<b>Daly Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	20301 Brandermill Drive	Germantown	MD	20876
<b>East County Community Center</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	3310 Gateshead Manor Way	Silver Spring	MD	20904
<b>East Silver Spring Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Camp Invention	631 Silver Spring Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20910
<b>Ewing Center</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	14501 Avery Road	Rockville	MD	20850
<b>Fairland Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	14315 Fairdale Road	Silver Spring	MD	20905
<b>Family Services, Inc.</b> Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Fun	620 East Diamond Avenue	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
<b>Flower Valley Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	4615 Sunflower Drive	Rockville	MD	20853
<b>Forest Knolls Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer Up (Highland ES & Pine Crest ES)	10830 Eastwood Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20901
<b>Forest Oak Middle School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	651 Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
<b>Foundation School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	220 Girard Street	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
<b>Fox Chapel Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Camp	19315 Archdale Road	Germantown	MD	20874
<b>Gaithersburg Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment	35 North Summit Avenue	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
<b>Gaithersburg High School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	101 Education Boulevard	Gaithersburg	MD	20877



Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Regional Summer School				
<b>Gaithersburg Middle School</b> Partnership: Girls Scouts of America Program: Summer Camp Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School Partnership: Team of Stars Program: Summer Camp	2 Teacher's Way	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
<b>Galway Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness Partnership: Academy Child Development Center Program: Child Care Program	12612 Galway Drive	Silver Spring	MD	20904
<b>Georgian Court Community Center</b> Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	3600 Bel Pre Road	Silver Spring	MD	20906
<b>Georgian Forest Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment	3100 Regina Drive	Silver Spring	MD	20906
<b>Germantown Boys &amp; Girls Club</b> Partnership: Germantown Boys & Girls Club Program: Summer Camp	19910 Frederick Road	Germantown	MD	20876
<b>Glen Haven Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	10900 Inwood Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20902
<b>Glenallen Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY) Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	12520 Heurich Road	Silver Spring	MD	20902
<b>God Glorified Church</b> Partnership: God Glorified Church (Faith Based) Program: Summer Camp	111 Geneva Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20910
<b>Good Counsel</b> Partnership: Good Counsel & MCPS Program: Summer Camp	17301 Old Vic Boulevard	Olney	MD	20832
<b>Good Hope Community Center</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	14715 Good Hope Road	Silver Spring	MD	20905
<b>Goshen Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	8701 Warfield Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20882
<b>Great Seneca Creek Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	13010 Dairymaid Drive	Germantown	MD	20874
<b>Greencastle Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness	13611 Robey Road	Silver Spring	MD	20904
<b>Harmony Hills Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	13407 Lydia Street	Silver Spring	MD	20906
<b>Highland Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Partnership: Linkages to Learning	3100 Medway Street	Silver Spring	MD	20902





Program: Summer Enrichment				
<b>Horizons @Norwood School</b> Partnership: Horizons @Norwood School Program: Summer Camp	8821 River Road	Bethesda	MD	20817
<b>ICOG-Church of God</b> Partnership: ICOG-Church of God (Faith Based) Program: Summer Camp	19201 Woodfield Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20879
<b>Kemp Mill Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	411 Sisson Street	Silver Spring	MD	20902
<b>Kennedy High School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	1901 Randolph Road	Silver Spring	MD	20902
<b>Key Middle School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	910 Schindler Drive	Silver Spring	MD	20903
<b>King Middle School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	13737 Wisteria Drive	Germantown	MD	20874
<b>Kreative Kidz @Oak Chapel</b> Partnership: Kreative Kidz Program: Child Care Program	14500 Layhill Road	Silver Spring	MD	20906
<b>Lake Seneca Elementary School</b> Partnership: Plum Gar Summer Club Program: Summer Enrichment	13600 Wanegarden Drive	Germantown	MD	20874
<b>Lakelands Park Middle School</b> Partnership: Gaithersburg Parks & Recreation Program: YAPS & TAPS Program Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	1200 Main Street	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
<b>Lee Middle School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	11800 Monticello Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20902
<b>Leleck Elementary School @Broad Acres</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	710 Beacon Road	Silver Spring	MD	20903
<b>Lincoln Park</b> Partnership: Rockville Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Camp (Israel Park)	357 Frederick Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850
<b>Loiederman Middle School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer Up	12701 Goodhill Road	Silver Spring	MD	20906
<b>Long Branch Community Center</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	8700 Piney Branch Road	Silver Spring	MD	20903
<b>MacDonald Knolls</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	10611 Tenbrook Drive	Silver Spring	MD	20901
<b>Macgruder's Discovery</b> Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	10508 Westlake Drive	Bethesda	MD	20817
<b>Manchester Manor Apartments</b> Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	8401 Manchester Road	Silver Spring	MD	20901
<b>Maryvale Park</b>	812 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	Rockville	MD	20850

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Partnership: Rockville Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Camp				
<b>MCPL: Germantown Library</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness	19840 Century Boulevard	Germantown	MD	20874
<b>Meadow Hall Elementary School</b> Partnership: Rockville Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Camp	951 Twinbrook Parkway	Rockville	MD	20851
<b>Mid County Community Center</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	2004 Queensguard Road	Silver Spring	MD	20906
<b>Middlebrook Mobile Community</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Fun, Food and Fitness	19515 North Frederick Road	Germantown	MD	20876
<b>Montgomery Village Middle School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center Partnership: Trawick Foundation Program: Summer Enrichment Program	19300 Watkins Mill Road	Montgomery Village	MD	20886
<b>Neelsville Middle School</b> Partnership: Identity Program Program: Summer Enrichment Partnership: Montgomery County Public School Program: Summer Up	11700 Neelsville Church Road	Germantown	MD	20876
<b>New Hampshire Estates Elementary</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	8720 Carroll Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20903
<b>Nob Hill Apartments</b> Partnership: Nob Hill Apartments Program: Lunch at the Pool	9100 Piney Branch Road	Silver Spring	MD	20903
<b>North Creek Community Center</b> Partnership: North Creek Community Center Program: Lunch at the Pool	20125 Arrowhead Road	Montgomery Village	MD	20886
<b>North Lake Center</b> Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment	15101 Bauer Drive	Rockville	MD	20852
<b>Northwest High School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	13501 Richter Farm Road	Germantown	MD	20874
<b>Northwood High School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Regional Summer School	919 University Boulevard West	Silver Spring	MD	20901
<b>Oak View Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	400 East Wayne Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20901
<b>Old Towne Youth Center</b> Partnership: Gaithersburg Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Camps	301 Teacher's Way	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
<b>Page Elementary School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	13400 Tamarack Road	Silver Spring	MD	20904
<b>Parkland Middle School</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School Partnership: Asian American Lead (AALEAD) Program: Summer Enrichment	4610 West Frankfort Drive	Rockville	MD	20853
<b>Plum Gar Community Center</b> Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	19561 Scenery Drive	Germantown	MD	20876



Project Access Partnership: Project Access Program: Summer Enrichment	14009 Castle Boulevard #201	Silver Spring	MD	20904
Redland Middle School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	6505 Muncaster Mill Road	Rockville	MD	20855
Rock Creek Terrace Apartments Partnership: Rock Creek Terrace Apartments Program: Summer Enrichment	12630 Viers Mill Road	Rockville	MD	20853
Rock View Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY) Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer Up	3901 Denfeld Avenue	Kensington	MD	20895
Rockville Housing Partnership: Rockville Housing Program: Summer Camp	1251 First Street	Rockville	MD	20850
Rockville High School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School: Wood Middle School	2100 Baltimore Road	Rockville	MD	20851
Rolling Terrace Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	705 Bayfield Street	Takoma Park	MD	20912
Rosemont Elementary School Partnership: Gaithersburg Parks & Recreation Program: Camp Discovery Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment Partnership: STARTALK STEM Program: Camp: STEM Focused	16400 Alden Avenue	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
Sandburg Learning Center Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended School Year (ESY)	451 Meadow Hall Drive	Rockville	MD	20851
Seneca Creek Church Partnership: Seneca Creek Church (Faith Based) Program: Summer English Classes	13 Firstfield Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
Shady Grove Apartments Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	16125 Crabbs Branch Way	Rockville	MD	20855
Shriver Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	12518 Greenly Drive	Silver Spring	MD	20906
Silver Creek Middle School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	3701 Saul Road	Kensington	MD	20895
Silver Spring International Middle Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	313 Wayne Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20910
South Lake Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment	18201 Contour Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
Spring Parc Apartments Partnership: Project Access Program: Summer Enrichment	12305 Treetop Drive #14	Silver Spring	MD	20904
Stedwick Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer Up	10631 Stedwick Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20886



Stewartown Homes Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	9310 Merust Lane	Gaithersburg	MD	20879
Strawberry Knoll Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	11820 Strawberry Knoll Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20879
Summit Hall Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	101 West Deer Park Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
Takoma Park Elementary School Partnership: Takoma Academy Program: Summer Enrichment	7511 Holly Avenue	Takoma Park	MD	20912
Tanglewood Apartments Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	9002 Manchester Road	Silver Spring	MD	20901
TESS Community Services Partnership: TESS Community Services Program: Open Walk-In Location	8513 Piney Branch Road	Silver Spring	MD	20901
Tony Davis @Seneca Ridge Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	19568 Scenery Drive	Germantown	MD	20874
Town Center Place Partnership: MC Housing Opportunity Commission Program: Summer Enrichment	3559 Morningwood Drive	Olney	MD	20832
University Manor Partnership: University Manor Program: Summer Enrichment	820A University Boulevard East	Silver Spring	MD	20903
Upper County Community Center Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center	8201 Emory Grove Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
Viers Mill Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment	11711 Joseph Mill Road	Silver Spring	MD	20906
Washington Grove Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment	8712 Oakmont Street	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
Watkins Mill Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)	19001 Watkins Mill Road	Montgomery Village	MD	20886
Watkins Mill High School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation	10301 Apple Ridge Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20879
Weller Road Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment	3301 Weller Road	Silver Spring	MD	20906
Wheaton High School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School: Math Program	12401 Dalewood Drive	Silver Spring	MD	20906
Wheaton Woods Elementary School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Partnership: Linkages to Learning Program: Summer Enrichment	4510 Faroe Place	Rockville	MD	20853

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Whetstone Community Center Partnership: Identity Program Program: Summer Enrichment: Youth of Tomorrow Partnership: Whetstone Community Center Program: Summer Camp	19140 Brooke Grove Court	Montgomery Village	MD	20886
White Oak Community Center Partnership: Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Program: Summer Fun Center Partnership: Youth Soccer Camp Program: Summer Camp	1700 April Lane	Silver Spring	MD	20904
White Oak Middle School Partnership: Montgomery County Public Schools Program: Summer School	12201 New Hampshire Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20904
Willows Apartments Partnership: Willows Apartments Program: Summer Enrichment	429 West Diamond Avenue	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
YMCA of Silver Spring-Quebec Terrace Partnership: YMCA of Greater Washington Program: Summer Enrichment	8733 Carroll Avenue	Silver Spring	MD	20903

\*Sites highlighted in blue are Closed Enrolled Sites (50% or > of the children enrolled in the program qualify for free and reduced meals)

\*Sites highlighted in yellow are Open Walk-In Locations

\*Sites not highlighted: Open Restricted-Public access not available at these sites. Regulation changes in 2020-Sites are either Open (Public Access) or Closed Enrolled

**Total Number of Sites: 124**

**Total Number of Programs: 226**

**Café Sites (Hot Meals): 49**

**Cold Meal Sites: 67**

**Combo Sites (Hot & Cold Meals): 8**

## Program Challenges and Barriers

- Finding partners/volunteers in the community that are committed to offering meals to children throughout the summer months.
- The eligibility requirements of the Summer Food Service Program limit reaching more students (FARMS-50% or >)
- School boundaries may be redrawn, and a site that used to be area eligible is no longer able to get meals due to changes in eligibility (closest elementary school does not have a FARMS % at 50% or >).
- Child Safety: Parents/guardians do not want children walking or taking transportation to Open Sites (Walk-In Programs).
- USDA Regulation for Open Sites: All children 18 years of age and younger are eligible for meals at no cost, however, in many of our school facilities a multitude of programs are running at the same time, causing time restraints and limited space. Also, many administrators have emphasized safety concerns in allowing public access to buildings.
- Adults 18 and over are unable to participate, adult meals are not available.

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## Best Practices: Increase Youth Access

- Increase the number of Mobile Sites across Montgomery County
- Tap in to additional resources (Farmer's Markets, Police Departments, Fire Departments)
- Create additional Open Site Locations in areas of high risk (expand Fun, Food and Fitness Program)
- Extend operating dates in Open Walk-In Locations
- Seek out additional funds through partnerships and grant opportunities
- Transportation: Enable families the opportunity to travel to Open Sites (reduced fare/no fare)

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**Summer Sites: 2019  
 Operating Dates**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Dates of Operating</b>
Amherst Apartments	7/8-8/15
5 Star Kids @Layhill	6/17-8/9
Argyle Middle School	7/8-7/26
Banneker Middle School	7/9-7/26
Bauer Drive Community Center	6/24-8/2
Bel Pre Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Blair High School	6/18-7/25
Blake High School	6/24-8/1
Borher Park	6/19-8/2
Brookhaven Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Burnt Mills Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Cabin John Middle School	7/8-8/9
Cannon Road Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Cashell Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Churchill High School	6/24-8/1
Cider Mill Apartments	6/17-8/23
City of Faith	7/8-8/31
Clarksburg High School	6/18-6/27
Clemente Middle School	7/1-8/9
Clopper Mill Elementary School	7/1-8/2
College Gardens Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Cresthaven Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Daly Elementary School	7/1-8/2
East County Community Center	6/24-8/2
Ewing Center	7/1-8/7
Fairland Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Family Services, Inc.	7/8-8/15
Flower Valley Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Forest Knolls Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Forest Oak Middle School	7/8-8/2
Foundation School	6/17-7/25
Fox Chapel Elementary School	7/1-8/16
Gaithersburg Elementary School	6/24-8/29

Neelsville Middle School	6/24-8/16
New Hampshire Estates Elementary School	6/24-8/9
Nob Hill Apartments	7/2-8/1
North Creek Community Center	6/17-8/9
North Lake Center	7/1-8/21
Northwest High School	7/8-8/2
Northwood High School	6/24-8/1
Oak View Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Old Towne Youth Center	6/17-8/30
Page Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Parkland Middle School	7/1-8/2
Plum Gar Community Center	6/24-8/2
Project Access	7/1-8/19
Redland Middle School	7/8-7/26
Rock Creek Terrace Apartments	6/24-8/30
Rock View Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Rockville Housing	8/6-8/30
Rockville High School	7/8-7/26
Rolling Terrace Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Rosemont Elementary School	6/24-8/2
Sandburg Learning Center	7/8-8/2
Seneca Creek Church	7/21-8/31
Shady Grove Apartments	6/24-8/30
Shriver Elementary School	6/28-8/9
Silver Creek Middle School	7/8-7/26
South Lake Elementary School	6/24-8/9
Spring Parc Apartments	6/24-8/16
Stedwick Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Stewartown Homes	7/1-7/31
Strawberry Knolls Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Summit Hall Elementary School	7/8-8/1
Takoma Park Elementary School	6/24-8/2
Tanglewood Apartments	8/5-8/9
TESS Community Services	6/24-8/23
Tony Davis @Seneca Ridge	7/8-7/25
Town Center Place	7/8-8/2
University Manor	6/24-8/2
Upper County Community Center	6/24-8/2
Viers Mill Elementary School	6/24-8/9

Gaithersburg High School	6/24-8/2
Gaithersburg Middle School	6/24-8/29
Galway Elementary School	7/1-8/23
Georgian Court	7/8-8/7
Georgian Forest Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Germantown Boys & Girls Club	6/25-8/30
Glen Haven Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Glenallen Elementary School	6/24-8/2
God Glorified Church	8/12-8/30
Good Counsel	7/1-7/25
Good Hope Community Center	6/24-8/2
Goshen Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Great Seneca Creek Elementary School	7/8-8/2
Greencastle Elementary School	7/1-8/9
Harmony Hills Elementary School	6/28-8/9
Highland Elementary School	6/28-8/9
Horizons @Norwood School	6/24-8/2
ICOG-Church of God	6/19-8/30
Kemp Mill Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Kennedy High School	6/18-8/2
Key Middle School	7/8-7/26
King Middle School	6/24-8/2
Kreative Kidz @Oak Chapel	6/17-8/28
Lake Seneca Elementary School	7/1-8/2
Lakelands Park Middle School	6/19-8/2
Lee Middle School	7/1-8/2
Leleck Elementary School @Broad Acres	6/24-8/9
Lincoln Park	8/19-8/30
Loiederman Middle School	6/24-7/26
Long Branch Community Center	6/24-8/2
MacDonald Knolls	7/1-8/2
Magruder's Discovery	6/17-6/28
Manchester Manor Apartments	7/8-7/19
Maryvale Park	7/8-8/15
MCPL: Germantown Library	7/1-8/9
Meadow Hall Elementary School	6/24-8/1
Mid County Community Center	6/24-8/2
Middlebrook Mobile Community	7/1-8/9
Montgomery Village Middle School	7/1-8/9

Washington Grove Elementary School	6/28-8/2
Watkins Mill Elementary School	7/1-8/30
Watkins Mill High School	8/29
Weller Road Elementary School	6/24-8/29
Wheaton High School	6/24-8/1
Wheaton Woods Elementary School	6/17-8/9
Whetstone Community Center	8/12-8/30
White Oak Community Center	6/17-8/2
White Oak Middle School	7/8-8/29
Willows Apartments	6/24-8/2
YMCA of Silver Spring-Quebec Terrace	6/24-6/28



Summer Program	Meals Served				Operating Days	Average Daily Meals Served	
	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Total			
2015	Jun	11,728	26,031	-	37,759	11	3,433
	Jul	145,610	225,054	-	370,664	23	16,116
	Aug	2,427	6,633	140	9,200	20	460
		159,765	257,718	140	417,623	54	7,734
2016	Jun	9,917	14,559	-	24,476	8	3,060
	Jul	152,139	196,047	171	348,357	20	17,418
	Aug	10,601	21,843	241	32,685	20	1,634
		172,657	232,449	412	405,518	48	8,448
2017	Jun	7,941	14,866	-	22,807	10	2,281
	Jul	130,626	164,092	352	295,070	20	14,754
	Aug	50,243	56,634	-	106,877	23	4,647
	Sep	-	12	-	12	1	12
		188,810	235,604	352	424,766	54	7,866
2018	Jun	4,592	10,663	120	15,375	10	1,538
	Jul	146,401	192,517	745	339,663	21	16,174
	Aug	52,944	65,662	745	119,351	23	5,189
		203,937	268,842	1,610	474,389	54	8,785
2019	Jun	7,180	14,460	-	21,640	10	2,164
	Jul	172,174	226,627	40	398,841	22	18,129
	Aug	20,239	28,827	462	49,528	22	2,251
		199,593	269,914	502	470,009	54	8,704



Summer Meals Served 2019

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Site	Program	June			July			August			Avg Daily Served
		Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	
5 Star Kids @Layhill	5 Star Kids	34	192	0	45	190	0	25	113	0	17
Amherst Apartments		0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	462	45
Argyle MS	Summer Up	0	0	0	441	865	0	0	0	0	87
Banneker MS		0	0	0	162	363	0	0	0	0	40
Bauer Drive CC	MCPR Summer Fun Center	171	200	0	655	947	0	57	161	0	75
Bel Pre ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	4,745	6,429	0	324	513	0	500
Blair HS	Algebra Bridge Projects, AP Boost, APEX Step-Up Program, College Applications & Scholarships, College Essay Course, College & Career Planning Sessions, Grade 9 Camp, NSL Bridge Projects, Resumes, Interviews and Taxes, SAT/ACT, SAT/ACT Test Prep, Summer Bridge ELA, Summer Enrichment-AP Physics 1, Summer Reading-English Boost	303	822	0	120	361	0	0	0	0	66
Blake HS	Regional Summe School Session 2, Regional Summer School Session 1	106	598	0	555	2,170	0	38	0	0	133
Borher Park	Camp Endeavor, Camp Rainbow	104	213	0	298	549	0	21	75	0	39
Brookhaven ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	2,368	2,657	0	215	268	0	229
Burnt Mills ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	3,195	3,861	0	265	331	0	318
Cabin John MS		0	0	0	101	266	0	90	105	0	26
Cannon Rd ES	ESY, Jackson Road ES ELO SAIL	0	0	0	4,332	4,279	0	373	382	0	390
Cashell ES	ESY	0	0	0	163	1,142	0	0	124	0	71
Churchill HS	Regional Summe School Session 1, Regional Summer School Session 2	0	0	0	43	145	0	0	0	0	11
Cider Mill Apts	Back to School Fest, Walk-In	157	277	0	104	112	0	0	300	0	41
City of Faith		0	0	0	232	233	0	377	330	0	29
Clarksburg HS	P-TECH Summer Bridge	133	323	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Clemente MS	MCPR: Fun, Food and Fitness, Orientation	0	0	0	1,335	2,378	0	334	402	0	148
Clopper Mill ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	2,164	2,851	0	214	278	0	229
College Gardens		0	0	0	403	782	0	0	0	0	118
Cresthaven ES	BELL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	5,441	6,197	0	432	464	0	522
Daly ES	BELL, ELO SAIL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	5,181	5,187	0	458	491	0	471
East County CC	MCPR Summer Fun Center	98	183	0	382	676	0	35	80	0	50
East Silver Spring ES	Camp Invention, Fun, Food & Fitness	346	397	0	1,210	1,390	0	431	462	0	124

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Site	Program	June			July			August			Avg Daily Served
		Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	
Ewing Center	Summer Program	0	0	0	471	491	0	109	120	0	45
Fairland ES	ESY	0	0	0	591	0	0	89	0	0	45
Family Services, Inc.	Linkages to Learning, Summer Fun	0	0	0	178	136	0	85	77	0	19
Flower Valley ES		0	0	0	1,148	1,098	0	157	159	0	170
Forest Knolls ES	Highland View ES Summer Up, Pine Crest ES Summer Up	0	0	0	645	849	0	124	144	0	117
Forest Oak MS	Math Summer School Program	0	0	0	431	687	0	51	87	0	62
Foundation School		88	97	0	262	270	0	0	0	0	32
Fox Chapel ES	Fun, Food & Fitness, Linkages	0	0	0	68	984	0	0	312	0	45
Gaithersburg ES	BELL, ELO SAIL, ELO STEP, Linkages Program, Orientation, Walk-In	40	53	0	4,091	4,848	0	739	1,237	0	305
Gaithersburg HS	ESY, Regional Summer School Session 1, Regional Summer School Session 2	500	1,253	0	1,312	6,231	0	86	52	0	336
Gaithersburg MS	Girl Scouts, Orientation, Summer School, Team of Stars	769	1,034	0	3,601	5,567	0	373	1,010	0	352
Galway ES	Academy Child Development Ctr, Food, Fun & Fitness	0	0	0	1,805	2,864	0	524	811	0	207
Georgian Court CC		0	0	0	0	62	0	0	12	0	6
Georgian Forest ES	BELL, ELO SAIL, ELO STEP, Linkages	0	0	0	8,144	8,721	0	702	748	0	763
Germantown Boys/Girls		0	0	0	146	483	0	155	377	0	29
Glen Haven ES	ESY	0	0	0	2,927	2,945	0	341	347	0	328
Glenallan ES	ESY, MCPR Summer Fun Center	159	232	0	905	1,500	0	91	156	0	104
God Glorified Church		0	0	0	0	0	0	64	65	0	12
Good Counsel		0	0	0	569	577	0	0	0	0	67
Good Hope CC	MCPR Summer Fun Center	66	150	0	232	397	0	25	43	0	31
Goshen ES	ESY	0	0	0	2,346	2,359	0	251	267	0	261
Great Seneca Creek ES	ESY	0	0	0	2,959	3,025	0	321	350	0	332
Greencastle ES	Food, Fun & Fitness	0	0	0	1,391	1,992	0	407	561	0	150
Harmony Hills ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP, Food, Fun & Fitness, LEAP	30	30	0	4,977	5,540	0	636	748	0	398
Highland ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP, Linkages to Learning	36	36	0	2,699	3,199	0	353	422	0	249
Horizons @Norwood School		559	449	0	2,264	2,076	0	206	110	0	195
ICOG-Church of God		0	229	0	0	601	0	0	458	0	26
Kemp Mill ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	2,154	2,772	0	190	249	0	223
Kennedy HS	Camp, ESY, Walk-In	180	226	0	4,023	5,198	0	650	570	0	361
Key MS	STEM, Summer Enrichment	0	0	0	871	1,338	0	0	0	0	147
King MS	MCPR Summer Fun Center	35	182	0	350	1,066	0	49	80	0	62
Kreative Kidz @Oak Chapel		454	556	0	834	956	0	778	955	0	87
Lake Seneca ES	Plum Gar Summer Club	0	0	0	625	619	0	61	35	0	55
Lakelands Park MS	ESY, YAPS/TAPS	0	50	0	503	1,662	0	46	79	0	83

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Summer Meals Served 2019

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Site	Program	June			July			August			Avg Daily Served
		Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	
Lee MS	ESY, Food, Fun & Fitness, LEAP Summer Pgm	0	0	0	748	1,558	0	33	219	0	88
Leleck ES at Broad Acres	BELL, ELO SAIL, ELO STEP	23	33	0	6,672	7,571	0	839	920	0	535
Loiederman MS	LSP, MCPR Summer Fun Center, SUMMER UP	50	165	0	480	593	0	0	0	0	64
Long Branch CC	MCPR Summer Fun Center	104	329	0	126	909	0	17	126	0	67
MacDonald Knolls	Summer School	0	0	0	1,323	1,315	0	113	102	0	118
Magruder's Discovery	Summer Camp, Summer Fun Center, Summer Program	70	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Manchester Manor Apts		0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	7
Maryvale Park		0	0	0	0	349	0	0	254	0	30
MCPL Germantown (Mobile)	Fun, Food & Fitness	0	0	0	0	1,719	0	0	517	0	77
Meadow Hall ES		200	176	0	790	827	0	36	10	0	72
Mid County CC	MCPR Summer Fun Center	116	127	0	503	708	0	54	99	0	55
Middlebrook (Mobile)	MCPR: Fun, Food and Fitness	0	0	0	0	459	0	0	114	0	22
Montgomery Village MS	MCPR Summer Fun Center, Smart Art, Trawick Foundation Pgm	182	219	0	851	1,855	0	125	104	0	128
Neelsville MS	Identity, SUMMER UP	63	98	0	915	1,396	0	94	117	0	74
New Hampshire Estates ES	ELO SAIL	35	43	0	3,417	4,475	0	448	597	0	300
Nob Hill Apts		0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	3
North Creek CC	North Creek Summer Club	178	232	0	221	309	0	89	143	0	30
North Lake Center	Maryvale ES-Linkages to Learning, Maryvale Linkages - Day Care	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	74	0	5
Northwest HS	ESY	0	0	0	3,332	3,479	0	359	339	0	375
Northwood HS	Regional Summer School Session 1, Regional Summer School Session 2	390	2,598	0	1,962	7,404	0	66	25	0	478
Oak View ES	BELL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	2,407	2,705	0	252	282	0	297
Old Towne Youth Center	Summer Program	0	181	0	0	533	0	0	426	0	21
Page ES	ESY	0	0	0	1,819	1,764	0	259	252	0	272
Parkland MS	Asian American LEAD, ESY, Parkland MS summer school	0	0	0	644	1,645	0	4	11	0	104
Plum Gar CC	MCPR Summer Fun Center	171	185	0	578	704	0	36	72	0	60
Project Access	Summer Enrichment Program	0	0	0	0	172	0	0	89	0	9
Redland MS		0	0	0	541	977	0	0	0	0	101
Rock Creek Terrace Apts	Rock Creek Terrace CC	85	162	0	236	466	0	140	415	0	38
Rock View ES	ESY, Summer UP	0	0	0	385	417	0	142	56	0	58
Rockville Housing		0	0	0	0	0	0	458	472	0	48
Rockville HS	Wood MS Summer School	0	0	0	251	289	0	0	0	0	36
Rolling Terrace ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP	0	0	0	4,023	4,534	0	336	402	0	387
Rosemont ES	Camp Discovery, Linkages, STARTALK STEM, Summer Program	50	168	0	906	1,511	0	100	130	0	98

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Summer Meals Served 2019

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Site	Program	June			July			August			Avg Daily Served
		Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	
Sandburg LC	ESY	0	0	0	0	991	0	0	117	0	55
Seneca Creek Church		0	0	0	0	103	0	0	137	0	34
Shady Grove Apts	Summer Enrichment Program	0	0	0	187	229	0	20	127	0	19
Shriver ES	BELL, ELO SAIL, ELO STEP, LEAP	24	23	0	6,889	8,704	0	781	965	0	579
Silver Creek MS	Silver Creek Summer School	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	0	0	10
Silver Spring Int'l MS	Orientation	0	0	0	368	760	0	0	0	0	80
South Lake ES	BELL, ELO SAIL, ELO STEP, Linkages	30	30	0	7,468	9,275	0	852	1,054	0	584
Spring Parc Apts		0	26	0	0	76	0	0	25	0	4
Stedwick ES	Summer Up	0	0	0	1,527	1,639	0	151	161	0	173
Stewartown Homes		0	0	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	6
Strawberry Knoll ES	Summit Hall ES ELO	0	0	0	3,366	3,050	0	316	291	0	292
Summit Hall ES	Judy Center: EIC MCPS	0	0	0	214	263	0	20	25	0	34
Takoma Park ES	Takoma Academy	0	0	0	1,582	1,446	0	120	103	0	135
Tanglewood Apts	Summer Chess Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	8
TESS Community Services		0	190	0	0	641	0	0	484	0	29
Tony Davis @Seneca Ridge		0	0	0	0	235	0	0	0	0	16
Town Center Place	Summer Camp	0	0	0	0	165	0	0	22	0	18
University Manor	Community Together	0	81	0	0	187	0	0	14	0	10
Upper County CC	MCPR Summer Fun Center	33	171	0	119	528	0	20	30	0	31
Viers Mill ES		0	0	0	745	898	0	73	89	0	75
	Linkages to Learning, Summer Fun Center										
Washington Grove ES	ELO SAIL, ELO STEP, Linkages	0	0	0	3,886	3,966	0	316	321	0	353
Watkins Mill ES	BELL, BELL (Wheaton Woods), ELO SAIL, ELO SAIL (Wheaton Woods), ELO SAIL (Whetstone ES), ELO STEP, ELO STEP (Wheaton Woods), Orientation	0	0	0	9,961	10,470	0	826	1,120	0	895
Watkins Mill HS	Orientation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	125
Weller Road ES	BELL, ELO SAIL, ELO STEP, Linkages to Learning, Orientation	0	69	0	6,840	7,430	0	635	666	0	579
Wheaton HS	Summer School	159	131	0	554	515	0	0	0	0	54
Wheaton Woods ES	ESY, LEAP, Linkages	72	70	0	6,288	6,819	0	544	635	0	424
Whetstone CC		0	0	0	0	0	0	127	144	0	38
	Identity-Youth of Tomorrow, Summer Camp										
White Oak CC	MCPR Summer Fun Center, Youth Soccer Camp	663	781	0	385	793	0	36	30	0	84
White Oak MS	Orientation, Wildcat Summer Program	0	0	0	778	995	0	0	0	0	118
Willows Apts	The Willows Afterschool Program	114	123	0	410	458	0	50	215	0	37
YMCA of SS-Quebec Terr		0	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,180</b>	<b>14,460</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172,174</b>	<b>226,627</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20,239</b>	<b>28,827</b>	<b>462</b>	

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Summer Meals Served 2019

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Site	Program	June			July			August			Avg Daily Served
		Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	
	Grand Totals	199,593	269,914	502							

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**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

Good morning Vivian,

Below you will find the breakfast and lunch participation counts, through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs, for Roscoe Nix and Arcola ES for July 8 thru August 16, 2019.

Note: ADP (Average daily Participation)

<b>Roscoe Nix</b>	Total	ADP
Breakfast	6,658	222
Lunch	8,794	293

<b>Arcola</b>	Total	ADP
Breakfast	9,196	307
Lunch	13,503	450

Have a great day.

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# Summer Food Access for Children



MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
FOOD COUNCIL



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## Background

The Montgomery County Food Council is an independent council formed and led by individual community members and representatives of local businesses, farms, government, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Our mission is to bring together a diverse representation of stakeholders to improve the environmental, economic, social and nutritional health of Montgomery County, Maryland through the creation of a robust, local, sustainable food system. Our vision is to cultivate a vibrant food system in Montgomery County that consciously produces, distributes, and recycles food, making it accessible to all residents while promoting the health of the local food economy, its consumers, and the environment.

The Food Council, along with its many partners in the food assistance sector, works to implement the recommendations contained in the County's 5 Year Food Security Strategic Plan, released by County Executive Leggett in the Spring of 2017. The Plan, the goal of which is to reduce food insecurity and increase access to nutritious food for County residents, was developed with the contributions of more than 300 stakeholders including community based organizations, government entities, food assistance providers and community residents by way of multiple meetings, surveys and listening sessions.

Currently, it is estimated that between 60,000 and 70,000 people in Montgomery County are food insecure, meaning that they do not have consistent access to safe, sufficient and nutritious food. At least 30,000 of those are children, but, based on local statistics, this number is likely to be larger. Out of a total of 162,000 MCPS students, 44,000 participate in no-cost meals and 11,000 in reduced priced meals, which together equals roughly 35% of the student population. In order to qualify for free meals, a family of four needs to earn \$32,630 or less per year, and for reduced price meals, they need to earn \$46,435 or less per year. However, this federal standard does not take into account the extremely high cost of living in Montgomery County. According to the Self Sufficiency Standard tool created by the Community Action Agency, for a family of four to afford the most basic of amenities in Montgomery County without receiving any kind of external assistance, they would have to earn \$91,252 per year. There are many families that make too much to be able to qualify for federal nutrition assistance programs but yet do not make nearly enough to cover all household costs, running the risk of cutting their monthly food budget in order to pay for things like rent and childcare. During the summer break, food insecurity for families with school-aged children is compounded, as daily access to meals at their school is disrupted.

For children and adolescents in particular, food insecurity creates challenges in education and development. Starting in Preschool and Elementary school, children in food insecure households have higher rates of behavioral and emotional problems. Elementary and High School children from food insecure households are more likely to repeat a grade and more likely to have frequent absences and disciplinary problems, and for food insecure adolescents,

there are higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide attempts. Food insecurity hurts our communities' children and widens the achievement gap.

This research aims to collect, by way of a brief environmental scan of federal, State, County and community programs, information on ways that children can access food in Montgomery County during the summer months. In addition to internet research, we reached out to County and community partners that provide summer food to children in order to gather data and learn what other stakeholders, resources and data exist in this space.

Our research concludes with suggestions on how summer feeding programs can be improved, and/or summer food access for children can be increased. Although the data for this report has been produced and processed from sources believed to be reliable, the purpose of this report is to increase basic knowledge about summer food access for children in Montgomery County, and no warranty is made regarding the accuracy, adequacy, completeness, legality or reliability of any information contained herein. As limited time was available to prepare for this work session, additional investments in further research are recommended.

## Federal, State or County Summer Food Access Programs for Children:

### 1. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Summer Meals Program

This program is a federally funded, state-administered program. Children 18 or under are able to visit sites Monday through Friday during the summer months for a nutritious lunch that is federally reimbursable. Food must be eaten on the premises, and no appointment is necessary.

Sites (2019):

- a. City of Faith (Gaithersburg)
- b. Roberto Clemente MS (Germantown)
- c. East Silver Spring ES (Silver Spring)
- d. Fox Chapel ES (Germantown)
- e. Gaithersburg ES (Gaithersburg)
- f. Galway ES (Silver Spring)
- g. Greencastle ES (Silver Spring)
- h. Harmony Hills ES (Silver Spring)
- i. John F. Kennedy HS (Silver Spring)
- j. Col. E. Brooke Lee MS (Silver Spring)
- k. Middlebrook Mobile (Germantown)
- l. MCPL Germantown (Germantown)

### 2. Montgomery County Department of Recreation's Food, Fun, and Fitness Program

This program runs from July 1 - August 9th, and promotes aspects of a healthy lifestyle for children during the summer months by providing opportunities for participation in crafts and fitness activities, as well as a meal. The program is open to children under the age of 18, and the available activities are geared towards children in grades 1-5 or 6-8 depending on the site. Children can participate in games, arts, crafts, and fitness activities. Advance registration is required, and sites are open daily until the program is full. Please call 240-777-8080 for more information.

Sites (2019):

- a. East Silver Spring ES
- b. Fox Chapel ES
- c. Harmony Hills ES
- d. Col. E. Brooke Lee MS
- e. Roberto Clemente MS
- f. Germantown Library



### 3. Summer SNAP for Children Act (SB 218/HB 338)

This bill was passed during the 2019 Maryland General Assembly Session, and provides for the State of Maryland to match County funds to distribute an extra \$30 SNAP benefit per child each month in June, July, and August, and \$10 per child during winter break in December. Each County must submit an application by December 1st 2019 to be awarded funds for the summer of 2020. Montgomery County plans to submit an application for this program.

### 4. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is the program formerly known as food stamps. It is a federal nutrition program that helps eligible residents stretch their food budget and buy healthy food. SNAP benefits can be used to purchase food at grocery stores, convenience stores, and some farmers' markets and co-op food programs. SNAP benefits are given each month on a plastic card called an EBT (electronic benefits transfer) card, which works like a debit card. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) oversees SNAP at the federal level, and the Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) administers the program, called the "Food Supplement Program (FSP)" in Maryland at the State level. Residents can apply for SNAP in person at local service centers, or online. The minimum benefit is \$15 per month, which increases to \$30 per month for recipients over the age of 62.

### 5. WIC

The USDA's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five.

### 6. FMNP

The USDA's Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provides coupons to be exchanged for food at farmers markets to those who receive WIC.

### 7. SFMNP

The USDA's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides low-income seniors with coupons to be exchanged for food at farmers markets.

8. FVC:

The Fruit & Vegetable Check Program is administered and managed by the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DHMH) as part of the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program. Pregnant women, new mothers, and infants under the age of 5 (or their guardians) who are eligible based on certain qualifications are issued checks to spend at grocery stores on items such as formula, cereal, and other healthy supplemental foods along with nutritional counseling.

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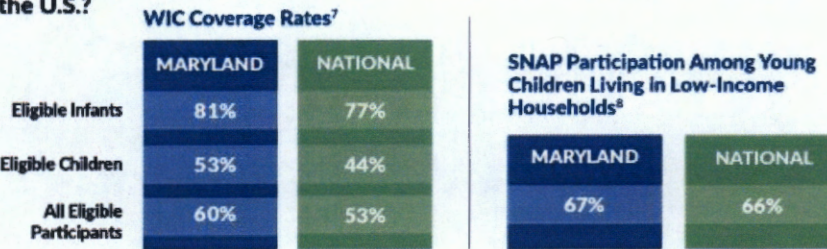
The Food Research Action Group (FRAC) released a report in 2019 on hunger for infants and toddlers in Maryland, in comparison to national average rates. The report illustrates how beneficial and effective federal nutrition benefits programs are at combating child food insecurity.

**THE DATA**

**In Maryland, many young children and their families benefit from the federal nutrition programs:<sup>6</sup>**

- 31,330 infants, 66,300 children, and 30,912 women received nutrition counseling and nutritious foods through WIC in the average month. (\$60 million in healthy WIC food benefits in FY2018.)
- 75,805 children received healthy meals and snacks on an average workday in child care participating in CACFP. (30.7 million CACFP meals and snacks were served in FY2018.)
- 75,000 children age 0-3 received SNAP food benefits to support good health and food security.

**How does your state's participation in the federal nutrition programs compare to the U.S.?**



**Children Participating in CACFP: Five-Year Trends<sup>9</sup>**

	MARYLAND			NATIONAL Five-Year Percent Change
	Children Participating FY 2018	Five-Year Percent Change FY 2013-FY 2018	State Ranking On Percent Change	
Homes	13,814	-21%	36	-9%
Centers	61,991	55%	10	36%
Total	75,805	32%	12	26%

**NOTE:** State ranking scale from (1) for the state with the highest rate of growth to (51) for the lowest rate of growth for highest rate of decline in the number of children participating on an average workday.

**Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup>FRAC analysis of 2014-2016 Current Population Survey-Food Security Supplement (CPS-FSS) data. | <sup>2</sup>FRAC analysis of 5-year American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (ACS-PUMS) data (2012-2016). | <sup>3</sup>Freedman et al., Pediatrics, 2017 (supplemental table published on CDC website); Pan et al., MMWR, 2016; Martin et al., National Vital Statistics Reports, 2018. | <sup>4</sup>FRAC's The Importance of the Federal Nutrition Programs for Infants and Toddlers. | <sup>5</sup>USDA FY2018 WIC and CACFP data; FRAC analysis of USDA FY 2017 SNAP Quality Control data. | <sup>6</sup>USDA 2015 WIC coverage rates: the percentage of eligible individuals receiving WIC benefits (published 2018). | <sup>7</sup>FRAC analysis of ACS-PUMS data (2012-2016): young children (0-3 years old) living in low-income SNAP households (below 130% of poverty). | <sup>8</sup>FRAC analysis of USDA CACFP average daily participation data.

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**THE PROBLEM**

**Far too many young children in Maryland experience food insecurity and poverty.**



14% of children under age 18 live in a food-insecure household compared to 17.4% nationally.<sup>1</sup>



14.8% of children 0-3 years old live in poverty compared to 23.7% nationally.<sup>2</sup>

**In addition, far too many young children do not have a healthy start in life.<sup>3</sup>**

	High Weight-for-Length Among WIC Infants Ages 3-23 Months (2014)	Obesity Among WIC Children Ages 2-4 Years (2014)	Low Birthweight Rate (2017)
<b>MARYLAND</b>	14%	16%	9%
<b>NATIONAL</b>	12%	14%	8%

**THE IMPACT<sup>4</sup>**



Poor health



Iron deficiency anemia



Developmental delays



Hospitalizations



Less prepared for school

**THE SOLUTION<sup>5</sup>**

The federal nutrition programs for young children – the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) – support health, nutrition, and well-being during early childhood and beyond.



**The programs IMPROVE ...**

- Overall health
- Birth weight
- Infant feeding practices
- Breastfeeding initiation
- Dietary quality
- Cognitive development
- Educational attainment & income in adulthood



**The programs REDUCE ...**

- Poverty
- Food insecurity
- Hospitalizations
- Preterm birth
- Infant mortality
- Stunting
- Anemia & nutritional deficiency
- Overweight & obesity

## Community Based Summer Feeding Programs:

### 1. Manna Food Center's SmartSacks Program

The SmartSacks program provides weekly backpacks of food to children at specific sites during the summer.

Contact: Karena Kuo.

Email: [karena@mannafood.org](mailto:karena@mannafood.org).

Phone: 301-424-1130.

2019 Summary:

- Total # Schools Served: **17**
- Total # of Bags Provided: **7,477 bags**
- Total # of Weeks Served: **4 – 6 weeks** (depending on school)

Schools Served (July-August 2019):

<u>School</u>	<u># Students Per Week</u>	<u>School Staff</u>
Arcola ES	50	Linkages to Learning
Bel Pre ES	20	School Counselor
Fox Chapel ES*	50	Linkages to Learning
Gaithersburg ES*	25	Linkages to Learning
Galway ES**	150	Adventist Food, Fun, Fitness Camp
Greencastle ES**	133	Adventist Food, Fun, Fitness Camp
Harmony Hills ES	15	Linkages to Learning
Highland View ES	43	School Counselor
Pine Crest ES	54	School Counselor
Rachel Carson ES	20	School Counselor
Rock View ES	15	School Counselor
Roscoe Nix ES	70	School Counselor

Rosemont ES	40	Linkages to Learning
South Lake ES	100	Linkages to Learning
Twinbrook ES	11	School Counselor
Watkins Mill ES*	50	School Counselor
Weller Road ES	75	Linkages to Learning

\*MCPS Summer Meal Program sites

\*\* Food, Fun, and Fitness Program sites

**Demographics:**

All the recipients of SmartSacks are either part of the Linkages to Learning caseload and/or students identified by the counselors and school staff to be in need. Most, if not all, are on free-and-reduced meals, and some may have siblings and get extra bags to account for the larger family size. The majority of the families are Hispanic/Latino, but there are also many African immigrants, African Americans, and a smaller percentage of Asian/White/Other Minorities.

2. Summer Meals Program by Nourish Now

The program provides healthy breakfasts, lunches, snacks and beverages to approximately 4,000 students in need during the summer. The food is provided to local free summer camps that do not have extra funding to purchase food for their campers.

Contact: Alison Schissler.  
 Email: [alison@nourishnow.org](mailto:alison@nourishnow.org).  
 Phone: 301-330-0222.

3. Kids in Need Distributors (KIND)

KIND assists schools that have summer school programs by providing weekend bags of food for children to take home on Friday throughout the summer. Last summer they delivered food to the following schools:

- (Per week for four weekends in the summer at each summer school!)
- Fox Chapel ES - 70 kids
- Kemp Mill ES - 60 kids
- South Lake ES - 250 kids
- Highland ES - 100 kids
- Joann Leleck ES - 200 kids

Georgian Forest ES - 40 kids

For Summer 2019, KIND fed a total of 720 kids in summer school.

Contact: Mark Epstein.

Email: [jeremy@kindinmd.org](mailto:jeremy@kindinmd.org).

Phone: 301-347-1625

#### 4. Women Who Care Ministries (WWCM)

WWCM provides weekend bags of food to children at certain schools over the summer. They usually serve the same students who receive weekend bags during the school year. WWCM delivers the bags to school administrators every Friday in July and during the first week in August (during summer school), and children take the bags home for consumption during the weekend. They estimate 500 students throughout the county to use their program for the 2020 school year.

Contact: Judith Clark.

Email: [womenwhocare@comcast.net](mailto:womenwhocare@comcast.net)

Phone: 301-963-8588.

#### 5. Up 2 Us Foundation

Up 2 Us Foundation is a recently established nonprofit that provides weekend bags over the summer to Harmony Hills ES.

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Phone: 415-495-4230.



## Additional Summer Food Access Opportunities in Montgomery County

### 1. Farmers Markets

Farmers Markets are open in the summer, provide access to nutritious produce, and many accept federal nutrition benefits for WIC and SNAP (plus many additional federal nutrition benefits):

- Crossroads Community Food Network Farmers Market (Takoma Park)--- accepts SFMNP, FMNP, EWIC, and SNAP; WIC and EBT matching dollars (see glossary)  
Crossroads is currently conducting a feasibility study to determine whether they could become an MCPS Summer Meals Program site in 2020.  
Contact: Sara Servin  
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Phone: 240-601-5532

For the recent 2019 market season during June, July & August:

- ❖ 2,071 Fresh Checks transactions were completed
- ❖ \$31,000 in Fresh Checks were redeemed
- ❖ Shoppers spent \$5,000 in SNAP & \$28,000 in WIC (includes WIC FMNP) - this was matched with Fresh Checks
- ❖ On an average market day in the summer there are 1,200 customers - roughly 25% of those are Fresh Checks customers
- ❖ Demographics: the majority of Fresh Checks customers are Spanish speaking immigrants from Central America

Since January 2019:

- ❖ Over 1,200 WIC participants have spent over \$45,000 in WIC benefits
  - ❖ 99 seniors have spent \$3,900 in Senior Farmers Market benefits
  - ❖ 193 SNAP shoppers have spent over \$9,000 in SNAP benefits
  - ❖ All of the above have been able to double these benefits through the Fresh Checks program
  - ❖ Fresh Check sales represent about 47% of the total sales at the market, totaling about \$120,000 so far in 2019
- Derwood Farmers Market (Rockville)--- Accepts WIC, SFMNP, FMNP, FVC and SNAP; WIC and EBT matching dollars  
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- FRESHFARM Downtown Silver Spring Market (Silver Spring)---Accepts SNAP, FMNP, SFMNP, WIC, and FVC; Provides matching dollars  
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- Fulks Corner Farmers Market (Gaithersburg)---Accepts FMNP & FVC; SNAP accepted by select vendors  
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- Garrett Park Farmers Market (Garrett Park)---Accepts FMNP, SFMNP, FVC, and WIC  
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- Main Street Farmers & Artist Markets (Gaithersburg)--Accepts FMNP & FVC; SNAP accepted by select vendors  
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Contact Number: 301-258-6350
- Potomac Village Farmers Market (Potomac) — Accepts SNAP, FMNP, and FVC; provides matching dollars  
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Contact Email: [contact@potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net](mailto:contact@potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net)  
Contact Number: 301-792-6054
- Rockville Farmers Market (Rockville) — Accepts FMNP, SFMNP, FVC, SNAP and WIC  
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- Shady Grove Farmers Market (Rockville) — Accepts WIC, SFMNP, FVC, SNAP; provides WIC & EBT matching dollars  
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## 2. Montgomery County Food Council's Food Assistance Resource Directory (FARD)

In 2017, the Food Council released the first edition of The Montgomery County Food Assistance Resource Directory. The Directory is a brochure containing a list of more than 70 food assistance providers in Montgomery County, including location details, contact information, hours of operation, the type of food assistance provided and whether any pre-scheduled appointments or eligibility documentation is required. The .pdf of the directory in English and Spanish is also available for download on the Food Council's website. This resource aims to more effectively connect people who seek food assistance services with those who provide them, as well as create stronger connectivity between the organizations providing food assistance resources in our County. In addition to this print resource, we have created a searchable database and interactive map, and for the use of all who access, give referrals to, or provide these services.

Since 2017, more than 3,000 hard copies of the directory have been distributed.

Montgomery County Public Schools regularly provides the link to the online pdf of the Directory in their elementary school lunch menus, and the Directory has also been distributed to hospitals, clinics, libraries, WorkSource Montgomery locations, community centers, county service centers, Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove.

## Data on Summer Food Access for Children

### 1. FoodStat:

FoodStat, which launched May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, was developed by the Food Council, the Department of Health and Human Services and the County Statistician's office (CountyStat), with input from many Food Assistance Providers, such as Manna Food Center and Capital Area Food Bank. Foodstat is a data analysis tool that allows food assistance providers, non-profits, advocates and policymakers to explore the whereabouts and severity of the vulnerable populations in the County and the actions that the County and community should take to address these needs. It can be used to guide the implementation of Food Security Plan recommendations, guide funding decisions, inform the public, stakeholders, and partners in Montgomery County's own food network, and enable our County stakeholders to learn about where the populations most at-risk for food insecurity in the County exist.

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### 2. Listening Sessions with Caregivers of Children Under 5

The Department of Health and Human Services, with support from the Food Council, conducted multiple listening sessions in 2018 with caregivers of children under 5, in accordance with the Food Security Plan recommendation to gather further data on the food access barriers of this population. Some respondents stated that when older siblings were home during the summer, they worried that they would run out of food. Some respondents even claimed to ration food during the summer to make sure that their children did not "binge", because they were not able to fill up on nutritious main meals. In addition to listing winter as a particularly difficult time to make food last due to increased electricity bills, the stress of holidays, and the fact that the breadwinner in many families had a seasonal job, school vacations were also found to be challenging due to the limited ability to make food last.

### 3. Communities of Limited Access in Montgomery County

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service recently created a food access research atlas. The aim of this tool is to:

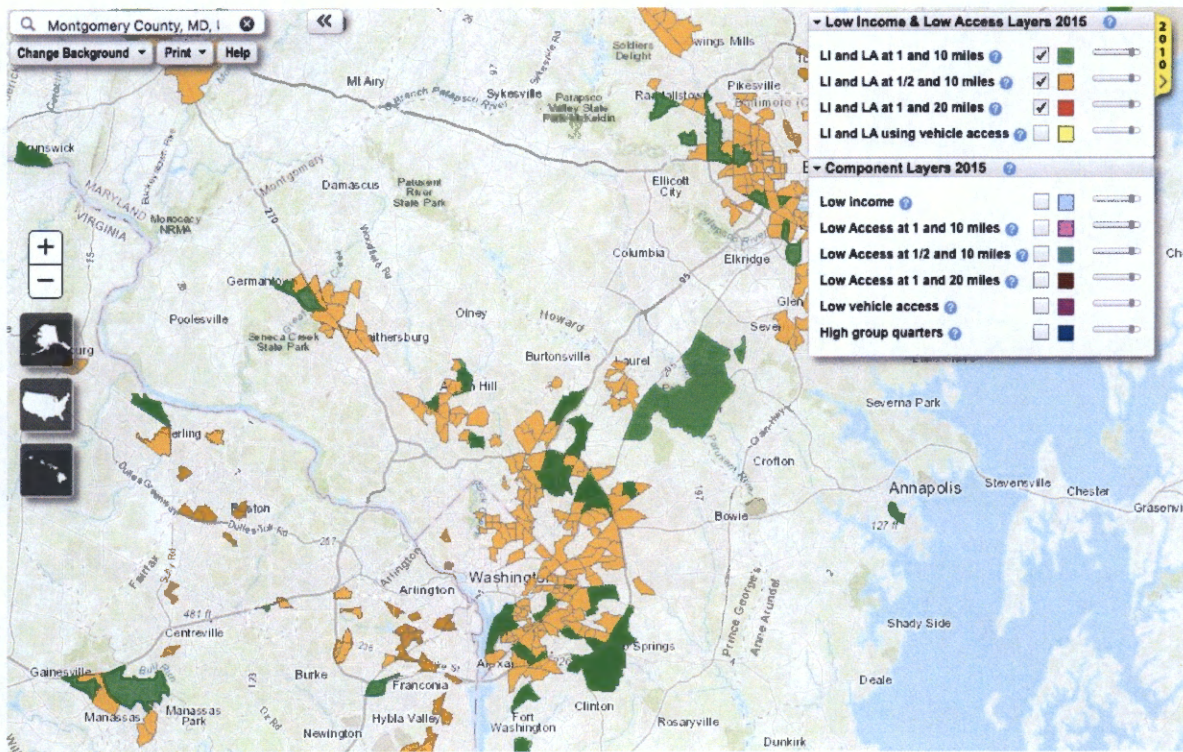
- Present a spatial overview of food access indicators for low-income and other census tracts using different measures of supermarket accessibility
- Provide food access data for populations within census tracts



- Offer census-tract-level data on food access that can be downloaded for community planning or research purposes

According to the USDA: “The Food Access Research Atlas maps census tracts that are both low income (li) and low access (la), as measured by the different distance demarcations. This tool provides researchers and other users multiple ways to understand the characteristics that can contribute to food deserts, including income level, distance to supermarkets, and vehicle access. “

The below map, the data for which was last updated in 2019, shows Montgomery County with the low income/low access overlay. The areas of lowest food access are Wheaton Glenmont, Aspen Hill, parts of Silver Spring, Leisure World, Gaithersburg and Germantown.



<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/documentation/>

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## Comparison to Local Jurisdictions

### 1. FeedVA Map

FeedVA map displays data such as the food insecurity rate, communities of limited access, participation in federal nutrition programs and more in Virginia.

### 2. Fairfax County, Virginia Public Schools Summer Meal Program

Fairfax County has a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The county started outdoor, community-based summer barbeque program to serve meals to children in low-income areas. They serve 61 sites at schools, community centers, and apartment complexes; 13 of these locations have a daily outdoor barbeque. In summer 2018, the county served 200,000 meals.

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### 3. Staunton City, Virginia Public Schools Summer Meal Program

The county provides an average of 14,000 free summer meals five days a week through June and July. The food is given at multiple sites like youth programs, summer enrichment programs, low-income housing communities, and the Farm Market SNAP-Ed program. The county has fun and educational programs at the site including a beekeeper and his hive, and visits to a teaching farm to experience planting, harvesting, and cooking.

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## Summer Food Access Challenges and Recommendations

These recommendations are based on: discussions with organizations providing SmartSacks, information given by food assistance providers and healthcare providers that attend MCFC's monthly Food Recovery and Access Working Group and Health Care and Food Access Subgroup meetings, research on comparative local practices conducted for this report, attendance at the Hunger Free Communities Summit, and resident feedback captured in the listening sessions for caregivers of children under 5, and members of the Montgomery County Food Council's Food Security Community Advisory Board.

### 1. Smart Sacks:

- Challenges:
  - Limited availability of school staff to help distribute SmartSacks during the summer
  - Difficulty effectively advertising the program to increase participation and mitigate confusion
- Opportunities:
  - Increase sites beyond elementary schools, potentially to communal sites where families from multiple schools would frequent
  - Increase site coordination so that multiple services can be provided at each site to ensure full coverage, and time can be better allocated during camp activities for food distribution

### 2. Increase Summer Meals Sites

- The Food Council's Food Recovery and Access Working Group (FRAWG) which meets monthly, is planning to coordinate meetings between food assistance providers and the MCPS Food & Nutrition Services in early 2020, in order to learn how community organizations can become summer meals sites.
- There are opportunities to explore and potentially to replicate other local programs described above, such as the summer barbecues and farm visits occurring in Virginia for children during the summer.
- Hospitals and Summer Meals: Emerging Innovation to Combat Hunger

At the Hunger Free Communities Summit hosted by the Alliance to End Hunger in November 2019, there was a workshop that explored how hospitals and healthcare clinics could become summer meals sites.



The session outlined successful strategies to reduce the incidence of child hunger through expanded implementation of federally-funded summer nutrition programs within healthcare facilities. For more information on this program and for a detailed "implementation guide" for hospitals and healthcare facilities, please see this link - <https://web.musc.edu/resources/health-and-wellness/ohp/kids-eat-free>

3. Decrease Transportation Barriers

- While the increase of summer meals sites would help to feed more children during the summer, in order to be completely effective this must go hand in hand with increased transportation resources so that children can safely and affordably travel to these sites, especially if their parents or guardians are at work.

4. Increase SNAP and WIC Participation, and referrals to food assistance providers

- As described above, federal nutrition benefits programs are extremely effective at combating hunger. However, Montgomery County has the lowest rate of SNAP participation among eligible residents out of all of the counties in Maryland. Further investment by the County in SNAP outreach would help to bridge this gap, and allow families to double their dollars to buy fresh, healthy produce at many of the County's Farmers Markets.
- The Montgomery County Food Council has created a "Screen & Intervene Toolkit" designed for service providers to use to ascertain whether clients/participants are food insecure, and if so, to refer them to benefits programs or food assistance providers such as those listed in the Food Assistance Resource Directory. Implementing Screen & Intervene processes in schools, health clinics, and other service locations would prevent food insecure individuals from missing out on available resources to feed themselves and their families.

5. Support Increased Budget for Summer SNAP for Children Act

- As described above, Montgomery County will be applying for funding to implement the Summer SNAP for Children Act in the summer of 2020. However, the State's budget for this program is extremely limited, and even if Montgomery County is allocated some funding, it will only feed a small number of children. Further advocacy at the State level must be undertaken to prioritize the funding of this program in future years.

6. Increase Funding

- Increasing the funding available to provide bags, meals, snacks, vouchers and other consumable items would allow providers to reach more children each summer, and expand programs to areas that do not or cannot host a summer meals site.

7. Additional Research

- There was limited time both in the Food Security Plan development process and preparation for this work session to provide a comprehensive overview of summer food access options for children when school is not in session. Further financial investment in staff time and resources to explore this issue further would be an important next step.

## Glossary and Definitions:

### Federal Nutrition Benefits:

**WIC:** Women, Infant, and Children Program — provides nutrition education and counseling as well as nutritional food to low-income pregnant women, new mothers, infants, and children up to five years old.

**FMNP:** Farmer's Market Nutrition Program — provides coupons to be exchanged for food at farmers markets to those who are on WIC.

**SFMNP:** Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program — provides low-income seniors coupons to be exchanged for food at farmers markets.

**FVC:** Fruit, Vegetable Check — associated with WIC; provides healthy food to low-income pregnant women, postpartum women, and children up to five years old.

**SNAP:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as Food Stamps) — federal nutrition program that provides monthly benefits to eligible low-income individuals to buy uncooked food.

**Fresh Checks at Crossroads:** Federal Nutrition Benefit and nutrition incentive that doubles or matches the benefit.



## **RELEASE: Maryland Leads the Country in New Initiative to Fight Childhood Hunger During Summer and Winter Break**

April 4, 2019

Annapolis, MD – Maryland is leading the country with a new solution to remedy the unacceptable reality of child hunger. Senator Cory McCray and Delegate Pam Queen championed the Summer SNAP for Children Act (SB 218/HB 338), which recently passed the legislature. No Kid Hungry Maryland, the Critical Issues Forum, and the Family League of Baltimore applaud the Maryland General Assembly for passing this bill to ensure that children have access to the nutrition they need when school is out of session during the summer and winter breaks.

“Summer SNAP for Children will reduce poverty and hunger for vulnerable children in Maryland,” said Kevin Large, Director of No Kid Hungry Maryland. “We thank all members of the Maryland General Assembly for their work to expand access to healthy food throughout the summer and winter school break. We especially want to recognize lead sponsors Senator McCray and Delegate Queen as well as Chairwoman King, Chairwoman McIntosh and Delegate Korman. No Kid Hungry Maryland is committed to ending childhood hunger and ensuring that all Maryland kids get to grow up healthy, happy, and strong. Summer SNAP for Children is an important step in right direction.”

“Maryland’s innovative *Summer SNAP for Children* will provide a \$30 monthly cash benefit for food to low-income children during the summer months and \$10 during winter break to reduce food insecurity and improve the diets of low-income children,” said Steven Mandel, Co-Chair of the Critical Issues Forum. The Critical Issues Forum is comprised of three synagogues located in Montgomery County that advocates for effective solutions to food insecurity and hunger in Maryland.

“We are fortunate to have leaders like Senator McCray and his steadfast commitment to the children and families of our City, and House sponsor Delegate Queen for her leadership on this issue,” said Demaune Millard, President and CEO of the Family League of Baltimore.

Nearly 1 in 4 residents in Baltimore City live in a food desert, and nearly 200,000 City residents depend on their SNAP benefits for access to nutritious food.

“The new Summer SNAP for Children program will help to further close the food insecurity gap for families and children, particularly in summer months when school meals are no longer available. The program will also serve as a path toward economic vitality by growing the market share of Baltimore’s local grocery stores and neighborhood markets that provide fresh produce to our communities. We look forward to supporting the new Summer SNAP for Children program and hope to see sustained local and state investment in the program over the years,” Millard added.

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**About Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign**

No child should go hungry in America. But 1 in 6 kids will face hunger this year. No Kid Hungry is ending childhood hunger through effective programs that provide kids with the food they need. This is a problem we know how to solve. No Kid Hungry is a campaign of Share Our Strength, an organization working to end hunger and poverty. Join us at [NoKidHungry.org](http://NoKidHungry.org).

**About the Critical Issues Forum**

The mission of the Critical Issues Forum: Advocacy for Social Justice (CIF) is to advocate for solutions to societal issues consistent with Jewish values. Currently, CIF is focusing on food insecurity in Montgomery County and elsewhere in Maryland, where it impacts thousands of residents of all nationalities and ages. CIF is comprised of Temple Beth Ami, Kol Shalom, and Adat Shalom and represents more than 1,750 households and three denominations of Judaism: Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist.

**About Family League of Baltimore**

Family League of Baltimore (Family League) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the designated Local Management Board for the City of Baltimore. Since 1991, it has served as an architect of change in Baltimore by promoting data-driven, collaborative initiatives and aligning resources to create lasting outcomes for children, families and communities. Stewardship, performance, trust, respect, innovation, and equity are the core values that guide its work. In Fiscal Year 2018, Family League provided more than \$13 million to 73 funded partners.



### Fun, Food, Fitness Summer Program

Montgomery County Recreation (MCR) works collaboratively with Montgomery County Public Schools, Division of Food and Nutrition Services (DFNS) to serve meals and snacks to young people during out-of-school time. The programs meet National Standards for food and nutrition according to USDA and creates a food system during the summer that is safe, nutritious and sustainable.

In FY19, 7 mobile recreation programs called Fun, Food, & Fitness (FFF) were delivered throughout the County impacting 887 youth registrants and helping to serve 26,574 meals. The FFF program is a six-week drop-in summer program for young people 18 and under which combines access to nutrition with physical activity. This program serves as a critical safety net during the summer months to reach young people who are not registered in traditional summer programs. DFNS and MCR work collaboratively to promote social equity through outreach strategies to reach young people who are geographically isolated, live in underserved communities or located in hard to reach communities such as Middlebrook Gardens Mobile Home Park in Germantown. The program works to address issues such as food insecurity, social isolation, and physical and psychological well-being as well as reduces barriers to participation such as transportation and cost.

FFF programs helps to relieve financial stress and strain providing an immediate economic impact for families. Family food budgets can stretch further when MCR is operating summer programs in partnership with DFNS. Such programs allow youth participants to receive nutritious meals that their family may not need to supply at home. If families take full advantage of our FFF programs, we can expect an economic benefit of nearly \$100 per child during the summer months.

FFF operates 3hrs per day and provides daily recreational programming that encourages physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Planned activities include large and small group organized sports and fitness; teambuilding games; arts and crafts; dance; and other traditional summer activities that keep young people healthy, productive and connected with positive caring adults.

An added value of the FFF program is the use of program pairing to achieve greater results with fewer tax dollars. The FFF program collaborates internally with TeenWorks—a program where young people gain valuable work experience, develop leadership skills and earn a paycheck, while receiving a free meal. The program allows our young staff to feel a sense of accomplishment and connection to community while earning income to support themselves and their families.

## Fun, Food, Fitness Program Budget Estimate

6 Week Drop-In Summer Program for 75 youth

<b>Personnel Costs</b>		
1 Site Director	\$2,769 + \$211.83 (FICA)	\$2,980.83
5 TeenWorks	\$9,360 + \$716.04 (FICA)	\$10,076.04
2 Support Staff	\$4,544.64 + \$347.66 (FICA)	\$4,892.30
		<b>\$17,949.17</b>
<b>Operating Costs</b>		
Instructor Services		\$500
Recreation Supplies		\$1,500
Uniforms		\$300
		<b>\$2,300</b>
	<b>Estimated Total Program Cost</b>	<b>\$20,249.17</b>

\*Mobile Site would require one cargo van rental- \$3,200

\*\*Sites reaching 50 or more young people would require an Assistant Director (144 hrs @ \$6)- \$2,548.08

**Note:** Summer Camps located within the attendance zone of a Title I school also provide the opportunities for young people to receive meals in combination with recreation programming and all-day care at an affordable and subsidized rate for families. The cost to operate a summer camp is estimated at \$60,000.

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## Montgomery County Recreation Meal Summary

Department of Recreation	
2018-2019 After-School Snack and Supper totals	246,353
2019 Summer Programs Breakfast and Lunch totals	137,646

**383,999**

## Fun, Food, Fitness Summary 2019

Location	# of Youth Registered	# of Total Meals Served (July & Aug)	Avg # of Meals Served Daily
Clemente MS*	100	4,449	153
Col. E. Brooke Lee MS*	70	2,558	88
East Silver Spring ES	135	3,493	120
Fox Chapel ES	120	1,364	47
Germantown Library	376	2,236	77
Harmony Hills*	25	11,901	410
Middlebook Gardens	61	573	20
	<b>887</b>	<b>26,574</b>	

- Some nutrition locations include multiple programs to include Fun, Fun, Fitness. Meal counts are inclusive of all programs (i.e. Summer School). However, it is important to note that pairing of a drop-in program a select-locations allows those not registered in referral only or limited opportunity programs to access meals.

### Barriers

- Transportation remains a top barrier to access supports, opportunities, and services. Additionally, some communities are geographically isolated by major roadways.
- The Federal USDA Nutrition Program requires meal sites to be located within the attendance zone of a Title I school. Montgomery County has vulnerable communities located in non-qualifying areas, making access to meals challenging.
- Programs serving meals that are registration based often reach capacity (i.e. Summer Camp)

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- Program space continues to be a top barrier. Finding locations to host program and juggling school construction, summer school, innovative school calendar/ year-round programs, etc.

### Summer Food Security for Youth

- What are barriers for County youth in accessing meals or food programs in the summer?
  - Transportation for youth/families who don't live in the neighborhood
    - Examples – at the summer meals program at Maryvale ES, which LTL helps to run at that school, they received few individuals from some of the other schools who needed the help (Twinbrook and Meadow Hall ES). For Maryvale LTL families, and the community as a whole, the program was well utilized (often over 80 participants a day; some days, well into the 100's)
    - In the Gaithersburg area, in some cases children would have to walk a long distance, under high temperatures or cross very busy traffic roads to make it to the school providing the meals.
    - In the Summit Hall ES catchment area there are apartment complexes where many families in need live. These complexes are located about 2 miles from the school. Due to lack of transportation, or financial resources to take public transportation, these families cannot access the summer meals at the school.
  - Some families are unaware of the program or program sites due to language barriers or lack of outreach in the community
  - Stigma that surrounds receiving food or meals for some students.
  - Parents not allowing children to leave the home during the day because most of the time parents are working and their children are home alone watching over their younger siblings.
- Where is there significant unmet demand for summer meals and would be the most effective way to increase access in these areas?
  - If it was in more school communities, it would gather more steam
  - There is not much data on the unmet needs; however using the FARMS rate of 50% or higher would capture the areas in most need.
  - More varieties of healthy fresh fruits and vegetables
  - Increasing meal sizes for middle school students (too small of a portion; students are often hungry after their meals).
  - There is unmet demand for summer meals in elementary, middle and high schools that are located in one neighborhood. In that one neighborhood, none of these different level schools is assigned as an onsite summer meal school. It makes it harder for the habitants of the neighborhood to access the county food programs, when they do not have a school within walking distance where they can access these programs. An effective way to increase would be to have one of the different level schools be an assigned on-site summer meal program school.
  - Montgomery County also has other food programs in place in lieu of the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) that also delivers food to those targeted populations. A waiver to use The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) commodities to serve the families without the need to collect all



personal information required to receive the commodities would be very effective and capture additional areas of need.

- What best practices in other jurisdictions that increase youth access to summer meals could be implemented in Montgomery County?
  - More partnerships with outside vendors, who provide services to low-income families, would help get more people involved.
  - Having a mobile meals program that makes stops in very populated and needy areas.
  - Serving adult meals alongside child meals to encourage family participation would be beneficial.
  - Serving meals at community locations that receive heavy traffic throughout the summer, such as libraries and hospitals, recreation centers.
  - Pairing more summer meals programs with strong enrichment activities to draw participation, such as summer camps and programs. Students already in the school for activities are less likely to feel stigmatized for accessing food if there is a program that is already taking place.
  - Maybe also nutrition workshops for parents, or healthy incentives such as healthy activities to go alongside distribution of food.
  - Engage in marketing campaigns to increase awareness of summer meals locations
  - The summer meals program in New York City allows children 18 and under to access lunch or breakfast meals not only in public schools but also in community pools, public parks, libraries and other locations around the city. Community Based Organizations can also receive meals in their agencies (if accredited nonprofit has adequate refrigeration, passes an inspection by the Office of Food and Nutrition Services and has one staff during the meal service that holds a NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene certificate) This is a practice that Montgomery county can implement (citation: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/summer-meals>)
  
- Other general comments:
  - This program has been a huge help to many recreation programs. In many of the school communities that host the program, the summer meals program formally and informally partners with the summer programs (not just county – but City of Rockville programs too). Since many of the kids in those neighborhoods are eligible for FARMS, it saves the summer program money, allows the kids to receive a nutritious lunch, and serves a high percentage of low-income families.
    - Example - Meadow Hall ES hosted a warm meals program this year and the City of Rockville's RYS Program Coordinator utilized the summer meals for her program, adding the ability to provide warm meals to 35 participants there at least two times a week.