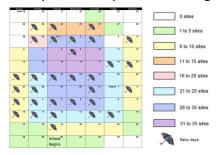


Improving the Summer Food Service Program in Worcester

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Causes of the Problem

1. Inadequate Temporal Coverage



2. Inadequate Geographic Coverage



3. Lack of funding

Year	Meal	Reimbursement Rate*	Increase in Reimbursement (%)	Increase in Food CPI (%) **
2006	Breakfast	1.59		
	Lunch or Supper	2.78		
	Supplement	0.65		
2007	Breakfast	1.63	2.5	4.2
	Lunch or Supper	2.87	3.2	
	Supplement	0.67	3.1	
2008	Breakfast	1.69	3.7	6.0
	Lunch or Supper	2.99	4.2	
	Supplement	0.70	4.5	

*Per meal; for an urban site

**From July of previous year to July of this year

4. Lack of promotion Over half of the parents surveyed didn't know about SFSP.



The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer.

It's open to any child under 18.

<u>Problem</u>

In Worcester, the Summer Food Service Program doesn't feed all the children who qualify.





Benefits

- Better access to SFSP sites for more children
 - Better nutritional status
 - Improved mental health
 - Better school work
 - Community building