



Media Advisory

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Capital Area Food Bank Announces Free Summer Meal Sites For Income Eligible Children

Funded by USDA, meals will be provided to eligible children free of charge

PLEASE NOTE, MEAL PROGRAM SITES DETAILED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO INCOME-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ONLY. Please Contact Kirsten Bourne, kbourne@capitalareafoodbank.org, for list of meal sites open to all children in Washington, D.C.

Washington, DC, May 2017 – Following a long tradition, the Capital Area Food Bank today announced that it will once again provide a feeding program to children throughout the Washington metro area. The Summer Food Service Program, for which the food bank will be an acting program sponsor, is funded by the US Department of Agriculture.

In DC, 86,410 residents struggle to get the food they need. That’s 14% of the population. Of those in need 27% are children and 20% are seniors.

Food insecure children are more likely to experience stomachaches, headaches, colds, ear infections, and fatigue. They are sick more often, recover more solely, and are more likely to be hospitalized.

During the school year, The Capital Area Food Bank operates afterschool and weekend meals programs called Kids Cafe® and Weekend Bag. Both of these programs fill meal gaps, supplementing school-based federal free or reduced price breakfasts, lunches, afterschool snacks and dinners. Meal service is extended in the summertime with many sites offering daily breakfasts, lunches, snacks and suppers. Additionally, the CAFB’s Weekend Bag program provides bags of pantry staples and fresh produce for children and their families over the weekend when school is out of session.

Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. Children who are part of households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits are automatically eligible to receive free meals. (To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines listed below for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.)

SFSP INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)

For Reduced Price Meals					
Persons in Family (Household Size)	Income Frequency (How Often You Are Paid)				
	Annually	Monthly	Twice per Month	Bi-Weekly (every 2 weeks)	Weekly
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$916	\$846	\$423
2	\$29,637	\$2,470	\$1,235	\$1,140	\$570

3	\$37,296	\$3,108	\$1,554	\$1,435	\$718
4	\$44,955	\$3,747	\$1,874	\$1,730	\$865
5	\$52,614	\$4,385	\$2,193	\$2,024	\$1,012
6	\$60,273	\$5,023	\$2,512	\$2,319	\$1,160
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$2,832	\$2,614	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$3,152	\$2,910	\$1,455
For each add'l member, add:	+\$7,696/person	+\$642/person	+\$321 / person	+\$296/person	+\$148/person

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the following sites and times as follows:

	Address in Washington, DC	Breakfast Time Start	Breakfast Time End	Lunch/Sup per Time Start	Lunch/Sup per Time End	Snack Time Start	Snack Time End
Jubilee Housing Activity Zone	1630 Fuller St NW			12:30 PM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM
Jubilee Housing Early Start	1650 Fuller St NW	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM		
Jubilee Housing Teen Renaissance	1631 Euclid St NW	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:00 PM		

*All times approximate and subject to change. For up-to-date information about where to find free Summer Meals, including Open sites where anyone 18 years old or younger can access a free meal without income eligibility restrictions, please visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>

About the Capital Area Food Bank

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest organization in the Washington metro area working to solve hunger and its companion problems: chronic undernutrition, heart disease and obesity. By partnering with nearly 450 community organizations in DC, Maryland and Virginia, as well as delivering food directly into hard to reach areas, the CAFB is helping 540,000 people each year get access to good, healthy food. That's 12 percent of our region's mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, and grandparents. To learn more, visit: capitalareafoodbank.org, or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at [facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank](https://www.facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank), and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).



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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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