



Media Advisory

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CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK ANNOUNCES FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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

Washington, DC, 5/23/17 – Summer is a hard time for children who rely on school meals to receive the balanced nutrition they need to thrive. Continuing its commitment to providing access to good food in every community, the Capital Area Food Bank has announced that it will once again provide free summer meals to eligible children throughout the Washington metro area. The Free Summer Meals Program (FSMP), for which the food bank will be an acting program sponsor, is funded by the US Department of Agriculture.

Over 137,000 residents of Prince George's County struggle to get the food they need; of those, 15% are children. Food insecure children are more likely to experience stomachaches, headaches, colds, ear infections, and fatigue. They are sick more often, recover more slowly, 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.

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.)

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES											
Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017											
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES ANNUAL	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES											
1	11,880	21,978	1,832	916	846	423	15,444	1,287	644	594	297
2	16,020	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570	20,826	1,736	868	801	401
3	20,160	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504
4	24,300	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608
5	28,440	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711
6	32,580	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815
7	36,730	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919
8	40,890	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023
For each add'l family member, add	4,160	7,696	642	321	296	148	5,408	451	226	208	104

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 provided at the sites and time as follows:

Site Name	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Lunch/Supper		Breakfast/Snack	
Central Gardens	13 Cindy Ln.	Capitol Heights	20743	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
Danbury B/A Care Center	5501 Silver Hill Rd	Forestville	20747	1:30 PM	2:15 PM	7:45 AM	8:30 AM
EXCEL Freedom School	7910 Scott Rd	Hyattsville	20785	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
GapBuster Inc.	6200 Sheridan St.	Riverdale	20737	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	8:00 AM	8:45 AM
Glenarden Woods	7941 Johnson Ave	Glenarden	20706	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Glenreed	3201 Reed St.	Glenarden	20706	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Millwood Townhomes Community Center	1418 Karen Blvd	Capitol Heights	20743	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Mount Calvary Catholic School	6704 Marlboro Pike	Forestville	20747	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:45 PM
Pleasant Homes	6810 Greig St.	Seat Pleasant	20744	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Queenstown	3103 Queens Chapel Rd.	Mt. Rainier	20712	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Summer Ridge	1837 Belle Haven Dr.	Landover	20785	4:00 PM	4:45 PM	9:30 AM	10:15 AM

*All times approximate and subject to change. For up-to-date information about where to find free Summer Meals, 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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