

## **CALIFORNIA YEAR-ROUND PILOT**

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The following language was included in the 2004 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act.

### **SEC. 123. YEAR-ROUND SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**

Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) (as amended by section 122) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**`(j) YEAR-ROUND SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES-**

**`(1) IN GENERAL-** A service institution that is described in section 13(a)(6) (excluding a public school), or a private nonprofit organization described in section 13(a)(7), and that is located in the State of California may be reimbursed--

**`(A) for up to 2 meals during each day of operation served--**

**`(i) during the months of May through September;**

**`(ii) in the case of a service institution that operates a food service program for children on school vacation, at anytime under a continuous school calendar; and**

**`(iii) in the case of a service institution that provides meal service at a nonschool site to children who are not in school for a period during the school year due to a natural disaster, building repair, court order, or similar case, at anytime during such a period; and**

**`(B) for a snack served during each day of operation after school hours, weekends, and school holidays during the regular school calendar.**

**`(2) PAYMENTS-** The service institution shall be reimbursed consistent with section 13(b)(1).

**`(3) ADMINISTRATION-** To receive reimbursement under this subsection, a service institution shall comply with section 13, other than subsections (b)(2) and (c)(1) of that section.

**`(4) EVALUATION-** Not later than September 30, 2007, the State agency shall submit to the Secretary a report on the effect of this subsection on participation in the summer food service program for children established under section 13.

**`(5) FUNDING-** The Secretary shall provide to the State of California such sums as are necessary to carry out this subsection for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009.'.

***What does this mean for California?***

- All California community organizations, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, park and recreation departments and cities who run the Summer Food Service Program [SFSP], will be eligible to receive reimbursements of \$.6125 per day all year, under one federal food program - SFSP - for snacks served in the afterschool setting. (Current law has required these agencies to apply through a separate, cumbersome process, Child and Adult Care Food Program, to receive snack reimbursements during the school year).
- This year-round snack service will operate under summer rules, enabling virtually seamless nutrition, year-round for current sponsoring agencies.
- The legislation is effective July 1, 2004, so advocates and administrators should notify all California non-school-based sponsors whose summer program ends in late August to plan for continuation of federal funding during the rest of the year, if they serve snacks.
- Significant new federal resources for communities and improved nutrition for children are now available! Most afterschool programs at community sites previously have been forced to use their own program budgets or parents' contributions to provide snacks, and few have been able to plan nutritionally sensible snacks. So, the availability of federal funding will greatly assist programs on shoestring budgets and federal nutrition guidance will lead to more balanced, healthy afternoon snacks.