

# Funding Available For Afterschool Nutrition

## **New Law Provides Snacks for Teens and Youth in After-School Programs**

Until recently federal funding for food in after-school programs was available for children only through age 12. Federal legislation passed in October 1998 expanded the age limit for after-school snack funding for kids through 18 and simplified the program.

Eligible after-school programs include those offering *educational or enrichment activities* that are sponsored by:

- School-based programs through the **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** or
- Non-profit organizations located in low-income areas through the **Child Care Food Program (CCFP)**.
- Local Government programs through the **Child Care Food Program (CCFP)**

Experts estimate that nearly 5 million school-age children across the country spend time without adult supervision.

## **Legislation Offers Nutrition Funds to Support New After-School Programs and Improve Existing Ones**

{ Existing after-school programs can now serve a nutritious afternoon snack by participating in the NSLP or CCFP.

After-school programs that currently offer snacks can receive reimbursement for food, freeing up program dollars for other activities.

P New after-school programs can be created (by schools and non-profits) by using CCFP/NSLP funding for snacks to leverage program dollars.

