

## Are you interested in serving Meet Up and Eat Up meals at your community location?

Meet Up and Eat Up is a collaborative movement to ensure that all children have access to healthy meals **three times a day**, **365 days a year**.

Many families rely on free and reduced-price lunch during their school year, and look for ways to ensure that their children are wellnourished when school is out.

That's where Meet Up and Eat Up comes in! We partner with schools, recreation centers, libraries, churches and more – places where kids already spend their time – to provide kids ages 18 and younger with healthy meals at no cost to the family or the organization!

## There are a few things for you to consider:

1. Is your site area eligible?

Meet Up and Eat Up has no income requirements or signups necessary! This is because meals can only be served in buildings that exist in an area where 50% or more of students who live there are eligible for free and reduced-priced lunch.

2. Will you feed at least 30 kids a day, at least 2 days a week?

As a federally funded program, we get reimbursed for every meal that is fed to a child or teen. To cover the costs of meal preparation and delivery, we need to ensure that we feed a critical mass of kids at each location we serve.

- 3. Do you have consistent staffing to serve meals and offer engaging programming for kids each day?

  We know that more kids will come and eat if there are fun
  - activities that draw them in. We also know that parents want a safe, supervised environment for their children. Both of these are necessary to make this program a success!
- 4. Do you have capacity to do outreach in your community to spread the word about your program?

The most successful sites are those that are well known in the community as safe, trusted places where kids can receive a healthy meal each day. Sites use fliers, word of mouth, or door-to-door canvassing to let community members know about their program.

Contact MeetUpandEatUp@LiveUnitedSEM.org to see if Meet Up and Eat Up is right for you!



