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## **DCYF CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM FOR SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Sites in every San Francisco neighborhood will serve free lunches and snacks to anyone under age 18 from June 6 through August 12.

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San Francisco, CA – This summer the San Francisco Free Summer Meals Program will celebrate twenty-five years of serving free, healthy meals and snacks to San Francisco children and youth during the months that school is not in session. Sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered locally by the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF), 69 sites in every San Francisco neighborhood will offer free breakfast, lunches and afternoon snacks to children and youth ages 18 and under every Monday through Friday from June 6 to August 12. No proof of need, registration, or identification is required in order to receive a lunch or snack. The only requirement: arrive at a designated site during one of the 16 open site's serving time.

"Providing universal meal access for our children and youth during out of school time will help ensure that no child will go hungry in San Francisco this summer," said DCYF Executive Director Maria Su. "For the past 25 years, our Summer Meals Program has proven to be a successful initiative in the City's efforts to combat food insecurity. In the last ten years, we have provided nearly 2 million summer meals and snacks. DCYF is proud to partner with the USDA, our nonprofit partners, and Chefables to provide this critical resource to San Francisco's children and youth." In 2021, San Francisco's Free Summer Meals Program sites served over 153,328 breakfast meals, lunches and snacks to children and youth.

A complete list of program sites, addresses, and serving times is available on the home page of the DCYF website: [www.dcyf.org](http://www.dcyf.org). Families can also find meal and snack sites by calling the San Francisco Services Call Center at 3-1-1 or the United Way Helpline at 2-1-1.

DCYF partners with the USDA Summer Food Service Program, the California Department of Education, Chefables, Foods, the Board of Supervisor's Food Security Task Force, SFUSD, City departments, and nonprofit organizations to administer the Summer Meals Program. DCYF also employs trained program monitors to conduct regulatory visits at all serving sites throughout the summer.

### **About DCYF**

The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) has administered San Francisco's powerful investments in children, youth, transitional age youth, and their families through the Children and Youth Fund since 1991. With a deep commitment to advancing equity and healing trauma, we bring together government agencies, schools, and community-based organizations to strengthen our communities to lead full lives of opportunity and happiness. Together, we make San Francisco a great place to grow up. For more information, please [visit www.dcyf.org](http://www.dcyf.org).

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