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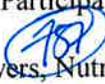
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MEMORANDUM

To: All Sponsors Participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

From: Falita S. Flowers,  Nutrition Services Interim Director

Date: January 21, 2014

Subject: Sponsors Operating in Multiple States in the Summer Food Service Program

Legal Authority: USDA Food and Nutrition Service Memorandum SFSP 01-2014.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance for Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors operating sites in multiple States.

Multi-State Sponsors

Organizations may be approved to sponsor SFSP sites located in any State, regardless of whether the sponsor is physically located within the boundaries of the State where the proposed site is located, provided that all eligibility and participation requirements are met.

Program regulations require Bright from the Start to provide training and technical assistance to sponsors operating sites within the State of Georgia (7 CFR 225.6(a) and 225.7(a)). Because Bright from the Start must monitor SFSP sites and provide onsite supervisory and technical assistance, sponsors not located within Georgia boundaries where a proposed site is located must take additional measures to ensure that Bright from the Start is able to complete its monitoring duties.

At the discretion of Bright from the Start, technical assistance may be provided to the sponsor by telephone or electronic communication. Bright from the Start staff is not required to travel out of the State of Georgia in order to conduct sponsor reviews. Therefore, to facilitate Bright from the Start's monitoring of multi-State sponsors, these sponsors must make requested materials available at the sponsor's Georgia sites. Such materials must be sent in accordance with the form requested by Bright from the Start, e.g., postal service, fax, email, etc.

Sites Located Outside the State Boundary

Bright from the Start is prohibited from approving sites that are not located within their geographic boundaries. Instead, sponsors must enter into an agreement with the SFSP State agency for each State where its sites are located. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Instruction 794-5, *Agreements with Entities Which Operate Interstate Schools and Facilities*, requires that the administering agency in the State in which the site is located enter into an agreement with the sponsor. When a sponsor is located in one State and participates in a Child Nutrition Program, including the SFSP, in another State, a separate agreement must be entered into with the administering agencies in each State in which Program activities take place. Each State agency would then be responsible for monitoring the sites within its boundaries.

If you have any questions concerning this memo, please feel free to contact Sonja R. Adams, Policy Administrator at (404) 651-8193.