Summer Resources *for Families*

West Virginia's Summer EBT (SUN Bucks) Program

This program helps eligible children access grocery benefits (via a one-time $120 payment) during the summer months, when school meals may not be available. Students may qualify automatically through programs such as SNAP, WV WORKS, qualifying Medicaid, qualifying foster care, McKinney-Vento, runaway status, or West Virginia Head Start. Other families may qualify based on household income and completion of an application.

Additional information, eligibility details, and applications are available at *https://bfa.wv.gov/summer-ebt*. To receive an emailed or mailed application, or to ask any questions about this program, please call DoHS Customer Service at 1-877-716-1212. Please share this information with families and ensure that all eligible students are properly identified in both district and state systems prior to the end of the school year.

USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

The West Virginia Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition, works with schools and community organizations across the state to ensure children continue to have access to nutritious meals during the summer months through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Free meals are available to all children ages 18 and under at approved summer feeding sites located throughout West Virginia, including schools, parks, libraries, community centers, and other local organizations.

School staff and community partners can play an important role in helping families connect with these resources and identifying opportunities to expand meal access within their communities. Families can locate nearby summer feeding sites by visiting the USDA Summer Meals Site Finder at USDA Summer Meals Site Finder at *https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/sitefinder*.

Important Information

The USDA Summer Meals Site Finder (SUN Meals) typically only displays sites that are currently open and serving meals during the time of your search.

- **Real-time Availability:** The map is designed to show active sites in your area. If a site hasn't opened yet or has closed for the season, it will not appear.
- **Weekly Updates:** The tool is updated every Friday to ensure accuracy as sites open, close, or change hours.
- **Recommendation:** If a site appears, it is active, but you should check the listed specific operational days and times for that location. The USDA urges users to check back frequently.

Family Resource Networks Across West Virginia

Each county in West Virginia has a Family Resource Network that serves as a coordinated, community-based hub for family supports. Family Resource Networks connect families to local resources, including food, clothing, housing supports, childcare, transportation, parenting programs, and other essential services.

These networks are especially helpful when students' needs fall outside allowable school funding or require broader community coordination. County-specific resource pages and contact information can be accessed at *https://wvfrn.org/counties/*.