Feeding Ohio’s Children: Summer 2014

An overview of innovative food programs for children administered by the Ohio Association of Foodbanks and made possible through partnership with Governor John R. Kasich, the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Education, and community organizations throughout Ohio.
The Problem: Child Hunger in the Summer

The federal Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was designed to provide food during the summer to children that normally rely on free or reduced price meals during the school year. But only about 10.4 percent of eligible children access SFSP sites in Ohio.

Children in rural areas of Ohio often experience the greatest barriers to accessing summer meals. SFSP sites are often too far from the child’s home, and some rural counties have no SFSP sites at all. Federal guidelines currently prohibit using SFSP funds to provide meals off-site. Lack of transportation leaves many of these children hungry during the summer months.

The Path to a Solution: Ohio’s Answer

Studies have shown over and over that food insecurity can contribute to summer learning loss. Schools, faith-based organizations, and community nonprofits took on the call to action to provide meals to children in at-risk areas through innovative approaches.

Why make our kids jump through hoops to have access to adequate nutrition while school’s out? In partnership with the State of Ohio, the Ohio Association of Foodbanks successfully implemented programs that focus on getting food to kids that need it for the third consecutive year.
Funding through Executive Order

Governor John R. Kasich authorized funding for these summer meals programs through Executive Order on January 22, 2014.

The funding was administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the programs were carried out in partnership with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and the Ohio Department of Education.

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks issued a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify strategic program partners. Partners were solicited in targeted counties with high concentrations of poverty and/or high levels of child food insecurity, in addition to eligible returning sites that participated during earlier pilot phases of the programs.

Fiscal Summary of Programs*
Summer 2014 (including SFY 2014 and SFY 2015)

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*Actual costs incurred, as of September 23, 2014

Special thanks to Freestore Foodbank

For the first time, Freestore Foodbank worked in partnership with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to pack and deliver the food boxes for the innovative meal delivery program. Their staff and volunteers took on an incredible amount of extra work to make this program a success. Thank you!
Governor Kasich supported the summer weekend meals program through an Executive Order for the third consecutive year, allowing the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to provide kid-friendly, shelf-stable meals for children attending summer food sites to take home over the weekend.

This $1.3 million investment allowed the association and participating sponsors to provide six meals to about 10,000 children each week for 10 weeks this summer.

The distribution of 600,000 weekend meals (about 60,000 each week) was made possible through partnership with 24 Summer Food Service Program sponsors. The association also provided 118,656 smaller, 10-item meal packs with four meals each, for an additional 474,624 weekend meals.

“Parents tell me how much this food has meant to them. Children tell me how happy they are to have their own food for the weekend.” — Fremont City Schools

For the second consecutive summer, Governor Kasich also provided funding to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables and protein items to distribute to families with children participating in the Summer Weekend Meals Program.

This $500,000 investment allowed the association to distribute 1,445,199 pounds of nutritious food (or more than 1.2 million meals) at an average cost per pound of $0.35. The food was provided to families through mobile farmers markets, held by 16 sponsors.

Twenty-seven different items were distributed. Some of the most popular items distributed included cheese, watermelon, bananas, apples, oranges, cucumbers, peppers, potatoes, and sweet corn.

“The families and kids love it. The parents can’t thank me enough for giving them so much fresh produce they normally can’t afford to buy.” — TLC Ministries
Program Impact

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks commissioned an independent analysis of the economic impact from the investment in these summer meals program for children. The analysis was conducted by Howard Fleeter in summer 2014.

The analysis found that these three Executive Orders led to $2.1 million in direct economic impact and $2.5 million in indirect economic impact, in addition to creating 61 jobs and providing volunteer and work training opportunities.

Innovative Meal Delivery Program

An additional $500,000 investment allowed the association to support innovative meal delivery models for children in rural areas. In its second year, this program targeted children and families with transportation and access barriers. The children were identified as at-risk and underserved.

Six sponsors provided 11 kid-friendly, shelf-stable meals to about 2,000 children each week. In total, they distributed 220,000 meals (22,000 each week). They delivered the meals through community drop-off locations and through home delivery.

“This is a critical program to families in rural communities. There are so many barriers for them to access adequate food.” — COAD

“I am one of your students at the middle school. I just wanted to let you know that you have helped me and my family out tremendously. We also want to thank you for setting up this program for families like us. This summer was hard, but because of you and your program we at least knew that we had food to eat.” — Student at Meigs Local Schools
Summer Weekend Meals Program Sponsors and Sites

**Bucyrus City Schools**
- Amilier Park
- Bucyrus Elementary
- Bucyrus Secondary
- East Park
- Harmon Field Park
- Libby Lane Apartments
- Lions Field Park

**City of Cleveland**
- Central Rec Center
- Clark Rec Center
- Collinwood Rec Center
- Cory Rec Center
- Cudell Rec Center
- Earle O. Turner Rec Center
- E.J. Kovacic Rec Center
- Estabrook Rec Center
- Fairfax Rec Center
- Glenville Rec Center
- Gunning Rec Center
- Halloran Skating Rink
- Alexander Hamilton Rec Center
- Ken Johnson Rec Center
- John F. Kennedy Rec Center
- Lonnie Burten Rec Center
- Stella Walsh Rec Center
- Sterling Rec Center
- Thurgood Marshall Rec Center
- Zelma W. George Rec Center
- Michael J. Zone Rec Center

**Elgin Local Schools**
- Elgin High School
- Green Camp Village
- LaRue Modulars
- Oakridge Estates

**Erie Huron Richland CAC**
- Boys and Girls of America
- Boys and Girls of Erie County
- Center for Cultural Awareness
- Churchwell Park
- Ebenezer Baptist Church
- Farwell Park
- Huron Park
- John Fennell School of Prophet
- Lions Park
- Orlando Pace Park (Sunny Side)

**Fremont City Schools**
- Atkinson Elementary
- Delaware Acres Apartments
- Fremont Middle School
- Little Bark Apartments
- Otis Elementary

**Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc.**
- Booker T. Washington Community Center
- Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc.
- Sky Meadow Mobile Home Park

**Highland County CAO**
- Greenfield Schools
- Hillsboro Church of Christ

**Kenton City Schools**
- Espy Elementary
- Forest Court
- Helping Hands Center
- Kenton High School

**Lorain Boys and Girls Club**
- Elyria Boys & Girls Club
- First Lutheran Evangelical Church
- Harrison Cultural Community Centre
- Oakwood Plaza
- Southside Teen Center (Garden)
- Westview Terrace Boys & Girls Club

**Lynchburg-Clay Local Schools**
- Allenburg
- Glenavy Subdivision
- Lynchburg-Clay High School
- Lynchburg Park
- Old Buford School Park
- Pricetown Church of Christ
- Willetsville

**Marion City Schools**
- Be Ministries
- Boys and Girls Club

**Neighborhood Ministries**
- Brier Hill
- Kirwan Homes
- Community Center
- McGuffey Community Center
- New Bethel Baptist Church
- OCCHA
- Rockford Village Community Center
- United Methodist Community Center
- Victory Estates
- Warriors, Inc.
- West Side Community Center

**Pike County CAC**
- Eastern Library
- Garret Wilson Library
- Pike County YMCA
- Pike Metropolitan Housing Authority (Moore Meadow's Apartments, Vansant Apartments)
- Piketon Library
- Western Library

**Reynoldsburg City Schools**
- Baldwin Junior
- Hannah Ashton
- Livingston Campus
- Postwoods

**The Salvation Army Middletown**
- Damron Park
- First Avenue Salvation Army
- Sonny Hill Community Center

**The Salvation Army Willard**
- Church of God of Prophecy
- The Hope Center
- The Willard Park (Depot)

**Scioto County CAO**
- Bloom-Vernon Elementary
- Burlington Commons Park
- Carousel Center
- Center Street United Methodist Church
- Chesapeake United Methodist Church
- Collins Career Center
- First Baptist Church
- Green High School
- Ironon High School
- Ironon Metro Housing Authority
- Ironon Middle School
- Lakeside Community Church/Small Steps
- Lawrence Village Apartments
- McKinley Pool
- New Boston Local Schools
- Portsmouth Elementary
- Portsmouth Inner-City Development Corporation
- Portsmouth Metro Housing Authority (Letts Terrace, Miller Manor, Wayne Hills)
- Rarden Community Park
- Rockhaven
- Scioto County Homeless Shelter
- Sciotoville Elementary Academy
- Stepping Stones
- Outpatient Services
- Stormes Creek
- The Potter’s House Ministries
- The Vocation Station
- Vern Riffe School

**SE Ohio Foodbank & Kitchen**
- Athens Head Start
- Camp Boost - OU Center for Intervention
- Chauncey Library
- Coolville Library
- Corning Head Start
- First Church of Christ Glouster Library
- HAPCA Promise Play School
- HAPCA Summer Youth
- HAPCA Summer Youth at Wayne National Forest
- Haydenville UM Church
- Health Recovery Services
- Hocking Co. Behavioral Health
- Holland Center
- Hopewell Mental Health
- Equine Therapy
- Kids on Campus
- Logan City Pool
- Logan Community Center
### Mobile Farmers Market Sponsors and Sites

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### Fellowship Church

- Pleasant Hills Church
- Reading Lockland Presbyterian Church
- River of Life Church
- Seton High School
- Su Casa Hispanic Center
- Third Presbyterian Church
- Truth and Destiny Covenant Ministry
- Washington United Church of Christ
- Zion Baptist Church

**YWCA of Van Wert County**

- YWCA Main St. Location
An Innovative Public-Private Partnership

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks recognizes and thanks Governor John R. Kasich, the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Education for their incredible leadership. We want to especially thank the staff members from the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: Kim Hettel, director; Adria Troyer, fiscal and office manager; Bryan Conrad, outreach coordinator; and Allison Glasgow, outreach coordinator. These programs were only possible thanks to their partnership and support.