

## **Child Nutrition Programs in New York State...**

*School Breakfast Program · National School Lunch Program · Summer Food Service Program  
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)  
Child and Adult Care Food Program*

**...Child nutrition programs improve the health, well-being, development, and learning-potential of low-income children.**

Over 850,000 children under age 18 in NYS live in poverty. Nearly one child in every five.

**...Hunger is a reality for too many children in NYS.**

Over 20% of households with children report not having enough money to purchase needed food.

**...Child nutrition programs brought in over \$1.14 billion in federal revenues in 2007.**

All child nutrition programs are federally funded. NYS supplements federal reimbursement rates with state money in some programs such as school meals and summer food.

**...School meals programs provide some of the best ways to alleviate child hunger in NYS schools.**

1.5 million children eat lunch at school and 440,000 children eat breakfast at school each day. Over 60% of all school lunches and 80% of all school breakfasts are eaten by low-income children.

**...The Summer Food Service Program prevents summer hunger by providing free meals to children when school meals are not available.**

Almost 265,000 children eat summer lunch at almost 2,400 parks, camps, housing authorities, and other neighborhood sites throughout the state.

**...WIC provides nutrition assistance to a half million at-risk women, infants, and children up to age five.**

Almost 508,000 women, infants, and children are enjoying new WIC food packages with options such as whole grains, tofu, jarred baby foods, and cash-value checks for vegetables and fruits.

**...CACFP nourishes our state's youngest children who attend day care.**

254,000 pre-school aged children in family child care homes and child care centers throughout NYS are learning positive, lifelong eating habits through CACFP.

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