

Child Nutrition Programs in New York City...

*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 514,000 children under age 18 in NYC live in poverty. Almost one child in every three.

...Child nutrition programs bring in millions of federal revenues to NYC each year.

All child nutrition programs are federally funded. NYS provides an additional reimbursement rate with state money to some programs such as school meals and summer food.

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

636,000 children eat lunch at school and 208,000 children eat breakfast at school each school day. Approximately 85% of all school lunches and school breakfasts are eaten by low-income children.

...The Summer Food Service Program prevents summer hunger by providing meals in the summertime to children when school meals are no longer available.

Almost 203,000 children eat summer lunches at over 1,400 parks, camps, housing authorities, and other neighborhood sites located in NYC.

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

Almost 380,000 women, infants, children in NYC are enjoying new WIC food packages with options such as whole grains, tofu, jarred baby foods, and cash-value vouchers 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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