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Connecting g Food Banks with Local School Districts

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Introductions

- Consultants for Arizona Food Bank Network since October 2021
- Registered Dietitians with over 30 years experience each in Child Nutrition
- Conduct Outreach to charter, traditional, and private schools to increase school meals

What can Schools do for Food banks?


- ***Conduct Food Drives*** - Schools can schedule food drives for general dry goods or specific items, i.e. hygiene items, turkeys at Thanksgiving
- ***Recruit Volunteers*** - High School students and Scout Troops need community service hours. They can pick and deliver food drives, assist with marketing, and help with media.

What Food Banks Can do for Schools?

- ***Provide Food*** – Weekend Backpacks, Nurse supplies, After school Snacks
- ***Build a Relationship with the District*** – Attend Governing Board Meetings, Meet with the Superintendent or alternate administrator
- ***Work with Communications Officer*** – Provide contact information for district newsletters and blogs
- ***Advertise Meal Programs*** – Post notices at the food bank with current meal programs (breakfast, lunch, supper or summer) available to families.

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USDA National School Lunch Program

- ***Meal Programs Include*** - Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, and After School Snacks
 - ***USDA Regulations*** - Signed into law in 1946 as part of the Richard B. Russell Child Nutrition Act. Nutrition Standards outlined in the Healthy, Hunger Free Kid Act of 2010.
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Program Rules and Regulations

- ***Student Confidentiality*** - Income applications collected to determine meal status, Free, Reduced, or Paid.
- ***Community Eligibility Program*** - Areas of high poverty may qualify for school or district wide free meals.
- ***McKinney Vento Act*** - Homeless students automatically qualify for free meals. Example- PV Schools has 300-350 homeless students on average.

Summer Feeding and Summer EBT

- ***Breakfast, Lunch, and/or Supper Meals*** - Students ages 0 to 18 are eligible to participate. Sponsor sites can include schools, community centers, churches or public pools.
- ***Summer EBT*** - Students who qualify for free meals during the school year will be eligible for summer EBT this year. Provides \$40 extra SNAP benefit for each child each month during the summer.

*What do I
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