

Out of School Time Nutrition Charrette Summary Notes: November 10, 2009

Challenges

- Getting Permits when facilities are limited – some counties have strict requirements and vary in flexibility from locality to locality.
- Can be difficulty to partner with/access school buildings as an outside partner to provide space for programs
- Perceived and/or real difficulties with paperwork/administration of program
- During summer need transportation to and from open feeding sites to get full participation
- Need information and materials in Spanish for Spanish speakers
- Reimbursement rates are low for sites and may not support administrative costs for sponsors
- Food waste
- Food quality – is the food really nutritious and appealing?
- Need more sponsors (Carroll, Howard and others)

Brainstorming & Solutions

- Communicate directly with School Districts Food Service Directors
- Identify county(ies) with best practices regarding health permits encouraging other counties to use this model.
 - For supper; summer- no need for health permit
 - Establish a policy
 - Vending v. self-prep – different
- Permitting - better coordination with sponsors who have met licensing requirements
- Monitor what is being wasted
- Lower area eligibility to 40% or lower
- Grants/extra \$ for transportation assistance
- Offer materials in Spanish
- Create Sharing table to address food waste
- Get kids feedback on what they want
- Networking between counties/sites/programs for creative ideas
- Call MSDE Bruce & Jodi for information
- Connect with LMBs and engage them as sponsors and coordinators of transportation
- Communication with principals (gatekeepers) about the programs
- Continue to promote and market programs