

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity

USDA's Child Nutrition Programs Overview

- ❖ **The National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** provides reduced-cost, nutritious meals in more than 85,000 public (93%), 6,500 private schools and 6,000 child care institutions, serving more than 25 million children daily. Schools receive approximately \$2.14 for each free lunch served, \$1.74 for each reduced-price lunch served, and \$0.20 for each paid lunch served. The fiscal year (FY) 2002 budget for this permanently authorized entitlement program was \$6.9 billion. At certain sites, this program also offers after-school snacks.
 - **The Afterschool Snack Program** provides snacks to 850,000 children through afterschool programs meeting curriculum and student income criteria. The cost of this program is part of the NSLP and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) budgets.
- ❖ **The School Breakfast Program (SBP)** provides nutritious breakfasts to 8 million children daily and is served in 57% of all schools and 71% of public schools. Schools receive approximately \$1.17 for each free breakfast served, \$0.87 for each reduced-price breakfast served, and \$0.22 for each paid breakfast served. The FY 2002 budget for this permanently authorized entitlement program was \$1.6 billion.
- ❖ **The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** provides nutritious foods, nutrition education, and health-care referrals for low-income women, infants and children up to age five identified as being at risk for health problems related to poor nutrition. In 2001, the WIC Program served an average of 7.2 million participants each month. WIC is a discretionary program funded each year through federal appropriations. The FY 2002 budget for the program was \$4.3 billion.
- ❖ **The Team Nutrition Program** develops and provides nutrition education materials to schools for children and their families. In addition, Team Nutrition uses classroom activities, school-wide events, community programs, and the media to promote healthy eating to children. The program also assists school food service directors with improving the nutritional quality of school meals through training and technical assistance. The FY 2002 budget for Team Nutrition, a discretionary program, was \$10 million.
- ❖ **The Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** is a partnership between the USDA Food and Nutrition Service and the DoD, in which the DoD's delivery and distribution system is used to deliver high-quality fruits and vegetables to schools. The FY 2003 budget for this program is \$50 million.
- ❖ **The Special Milk Program** provides milk to children who do not receive it through the other USDA child nutrition programs. The FY 2002 budget for this program was \$16.8 million.
- ❖ **The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** provides snacks and nutritious meals to low-income children during their summer vacation from school. The FY 2002 budget for this entitlement program, which serves 1.9 million children, was \$252 million.
- ❖ **The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)** provides snacks and healthy meals daily to 2.6 million infants and children and 74,000 impaired adults in day-care programs. Also, CACFP provides afterschool snacks in sites meeting certain eligibility requirements. The FY 2002 budget for this entitlement program was \$1.9 billion.

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