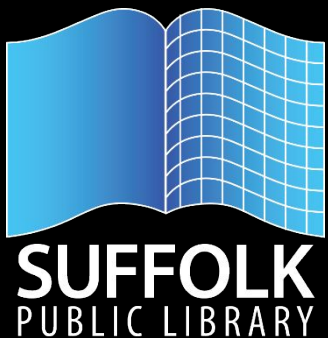


MESS HALL ROUNDUP:

A Community Approach to the Summer Food Program

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**What is the state of
food insecurity in your
community?**

**What effect does being
hungry have on
learning and
engagement?**

What role does the library play?

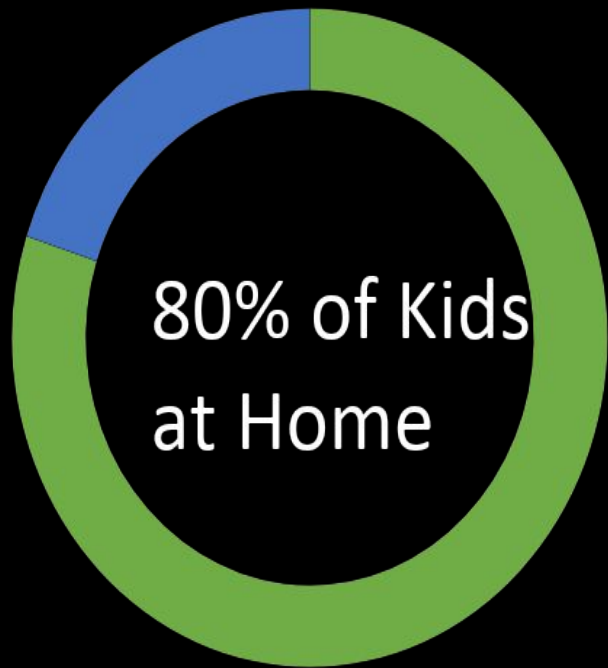
Objectives

- Understand the impact of being hungry
- Review the logistics of being a summer food site
- Explore a community-centric approach

THE PERFECT SITUATION





SUMMER HUNGER COST



From Share Our Strength's 2013 National Survey of Low-Income families.
bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/summer-meals/summer-meals-survey-findings

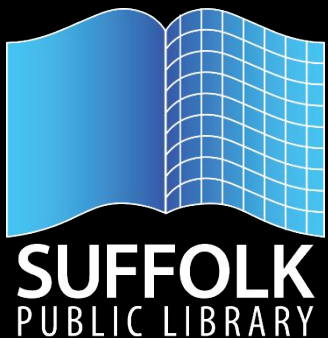
THE COST OF HUNGER FOR A CHILD

-  **\$12,000**
THE AVERAGE COST OF A CHILD'S HOSPITALIZATION. FOOD INSECURE KIDS ARE 31% MORE LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED.
-  **\$300**
THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT LOW-INCOME FAMILIES SPEND ON GROCERIES EACH MONTH DURING SUMMER.
-  **\$1,540**
THE AMOUNT SCHOOLS SPEND IN RE-TEACHING A STUDENT STRUGGLING WITH SUMMER LEARNING LOSS
-  **\$10,090**
HOW MUCH MORE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE EARNS THAN SOMEONE WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE

NO KID HUNGRY

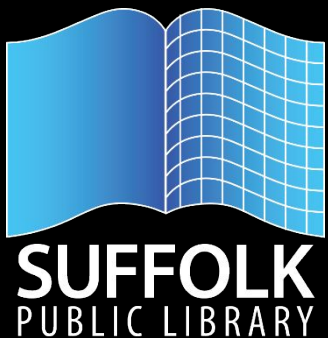
On average, **only 15%** of Virginia kids who rely on free or reduced-price school lunches are also accessing a no-cost Summer Meal.

That means **hundreds of thousands** of our students are missing out on a free meal on any summer day



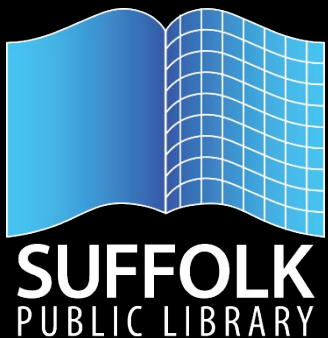
SUMMER HUNGER IN SUFFOLK

During the 2017-2018 school year, **49%** of Suffolk students were eligible for free/reduced means (**approx. 7,100 students**)



SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

- Children and teens 18 years old and under
 - No charge
 - No questions asked
 - No identification required
 - No proof of income required
- Intended to reach students who count on F/R meals during the school year
- Must eat on-site (“congregate” meal time)



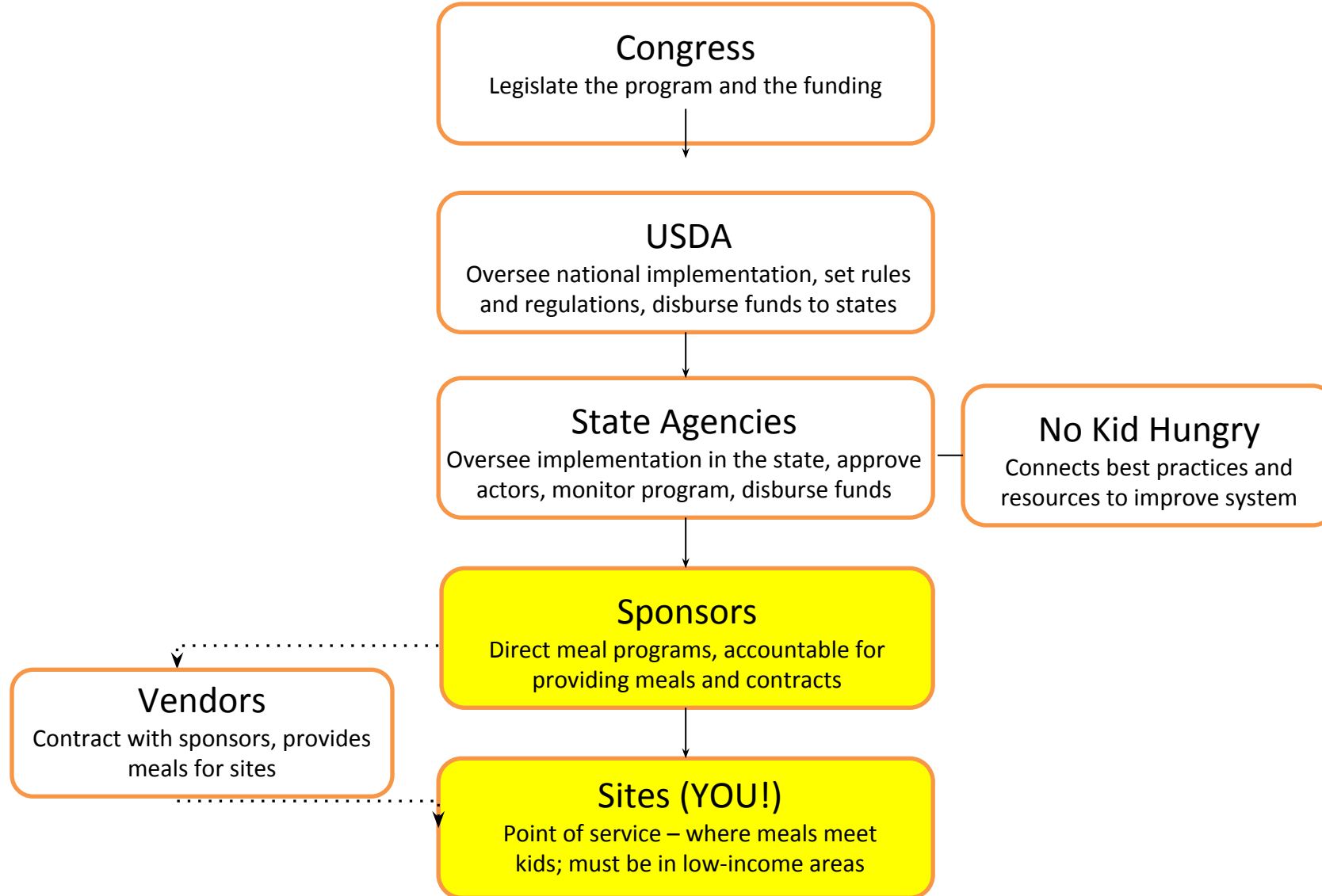


NO KID

HUNGRY[®]



Who: The Key Players



Where: The Site HOSTS THE MEAL SERVICE

- Serves and supervises meals
- Makes sure kids eat on the premises of the site
- Counts and tracks the number of meals and/or snacks served
- Maintains proper food care and sanitation
- Liaises with sponsor
- **Encouraged: provides enrichment activities**



LOGISTICS

- ✓ Sponsor
 - ✓ Space
 - ✓ Site Coordinator
- ✓ Set day and time for the program
 - ✓ Enrichment activities
 - ? Fridge
 - ? Staff to hand out food

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- **Monday Mastery** **Arts and Crafts**
- **Tech Tuesday** **Kano, makey makey, ozobots, ipads, snap circuits (video games?); coding activities**
- **Win it Wednesday** **Board Games & Puzzles**
- **Thinkers Thursday** **Engineering**
- **Fun Friday** **Outside games**





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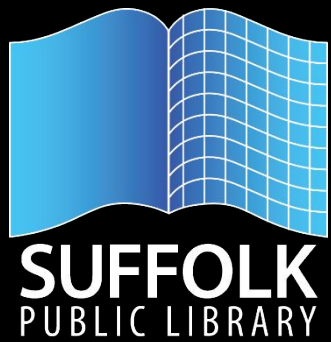
GARDEN



FRIDGE



FOOD DISTRIBUTION



LESSONS LEARNED



SERIOUS

- Lots of kids don't have access to meals during the summer
- Raising a family is hard!
- Relationship building is a huge tool
- Importance of advocacy

LESSONS LEARNED



FUN

- Lack of mayo = riot
- Beyblades are a thing
- George Michael lives on
- 6 year olds are smarter than you think!
- Awkward silences are horrible!-
Music!

LESSONS LEARNED



YES

- It's a lot of work!
- It's OK to ask for help!
- It takes some planning!

BUT

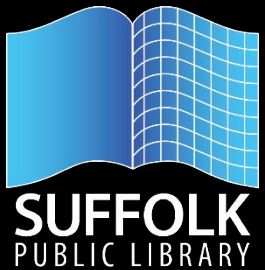
- You're feeding kids!
- You're building relationships!
- You're learning about your community

OUTCOMES



- Kids were being fed
- Families saving money
- Kids in the building
- Relationship Building
- Identified additional needs

**WHAT'S STOPPING
YOU?**



QUESTIONS?

