

Lack of Experience with Afterschool Feeding Programs

Mentors

Seek out mentors who are already sponsoring AMP. They're going to have the best information and experience to help you make your decision. Many school districts are successfully operating AMP.

Representatives are more than willing to talk with you about the process. Contact us and we'll help connect you with a peer who's eager to assist you.

Don't Reinvent the Wheel

Many successful school districts sponsoring AMP run it the same way as the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). They'll often coordinate ingredients so that what they pull for lunch is also used for afterschool. In many cases they may even prepare the meals early for distribution later.

While we encourage hot meals, there's a wide range of possibilities depending on your capacity and the type of enrichment program the meal will be integrated with. In some cases, the meal resembles a large snack; in other settings it's hot supper.

The meal type and logistics will be an important discussion to have with your partners running the afterschool program. The programming and meal need to work seamlessly together and reflect the capacity of staff for both programs. Again, one of your peers is available to help assist you in these efforts.