

## **Parents and Children Cannot Eat Together**

Serving both parents and children can be a difficult hurdle to overcome and still be eligible for AMP. AMP was created to support strong afterschool programming at a time when children are "outside" their parents care. When children are eating with parents, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) no longer considers the children to be outside of their parents' care.

### **Ways Around This: Separate Programs**

There are few qualifying afterschool programs where children and parents are in the same building. In these cases parents are attending a different program than their children (often a parenting or skills training class). As long as the children are eating separately from their parents, AMP is allowable.

Obviously, restructuring your program might be difficult, but if the current structure is not integral to your goals, making a few changes – with the help and recommendations from the Florida Department of Health – might still allow you to operate AMP.