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Appendix F6 Sponsor Webinar

Summer Meals Participant Characteristics Study Sponsor Webcast <date>



Study Overview—Optimal Solutions Group

Optimal Solutions Group (Optimal)

- Policy research firm located in College Park, MD
- Specialize in policy research focused on health, education, workforce development, social policy, and housing and economic development
- Contracted by USDA/FNS to conduct evaluation of the Summer Meals Programs' participant characteristics

Study Overview—Research Goals

Research Goals

- Ascertain how the summer meals programs operate at the state, sponsor, and site levels.
- Describe participant characteristics and examine the differences and factors that affect participation by sponsors and children across states.

Sponsor Survey

- Understand the challenges of finding sites, monitoring sites, facilitating outreach efforts, and support from state agencies.
- Information will help FNS better serve sponsors agencies in administering summer meals programs.

Study Overview—Methodology

Surveys

- State-level
- Sponsor-level
- Site -level

Interviews

- Parents/caregivers of summer meals participants
- Parents/caregivers of summer meals-eligible non-participants

Sponsor Participation—Site List

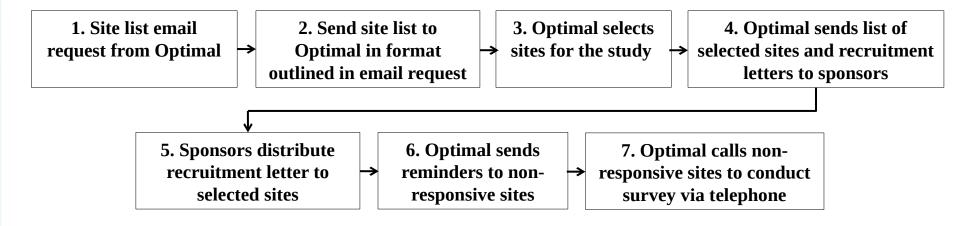
2015 Site List

- Formal request via email
- Items needed include:
 - Site Name
 - Site Address (with ZIP)
 - Site Dates of Operation
 - Site ADA

- Meals served by Site (breakfast, lunch, snacks)
- Site Type (open, enrolled, closed)
- Meal counts by Site
- Identify <u>new</u> or <u>returning</u> site
- Time sensitive <date needed by>
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Sponsor Participation—Site Recruitment

Sponsor involvement in site recruitment is crucial



Sponsor Participation—Web Survey

Web Survey

- Email invitation with link to survey
- User-friendly interface
- Responses will—
 - be kept confidential
 - be combined with other states
 - not be reported individually
- Can save progress and complete later
- Telephone follow-ups

Sponsor Participation—Web Survey

Summer Food Service Program Participant Characteristics Study Sponsor Survey	
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES	
1. What type of sponsor organization are you? (Check one)	
Public school	
Private school	
School food authority (SFA)	
State government agency	
County government agency	
Local or municipal government agency	
Residential camp	
National Youth Sports Program (NYSP)	
Other private, non-profit organization	
Tribal organization	
O DON'T KNOW	
REFUSED	
Other (please specify)	
2. For how many summers, including this summer, have you sponsored the Summer Meals Programs?	
# of summers sponsored	
DON'T KNOW	
REFUSED	
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QUESTIONS

