

Check out the new California Community Child Nutrition Snack Pilot Project!

- Significant new federal resources for afterschool nutrition are available for California communities.
- All California community and municipal organizations, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, park and recreation departments and cities who run the Summer Food Service Program [SFSP], are eligible to receive reimbursements of \$.6125 per day, 365 days a year, under one federal food program - SFSP - for snacks served in the afterschool setting, while continuing to serve summer lunches.
- This year-round snack service will operate under SFSP rules, enabling virtually seamless nutrition, year-round for current sponsoring agencies.
- The funding is effective October 1, 2004, so this is the time to notify all California non-school SFSP sponsors of federal funding during the rest of the year, if they plan to serve snacks.
- Most afterschool programs at community sites previously have been forced to use their own program budgets or parents' contributions to provide snacks, and few have been able to plan nutritionally sensible snacks. So, the availability of federal funding will greatly assist programs on shoestring budgets and federal nutrition guidance will lead to more balanced, healthy afternoon snacks.
- Enrollment is simple: sponsors only need to fill out a simple amendment to their SFSP agreement, change their budget projections and fill out a site information sheet for each location serving snacks.
- California Food Policy Advocates has posted everything you need to know about the pilot at: <http://www.cfpa.net/Snacks/snackattack.html>
- The webpage includes a brief history, useful fact sheets, legislative language, a constantly-updated question and answer guide, sample menus, nutrition education resources, contact information for an application and much more.