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ECPS SELECTED FOR SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

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Edgecombe County Public Schools has been selected as one of 12 out of the state's 115 school districts to serve as a pilot for expanding summer meals. The pilot program is a collaboration between No Kid Hungry NC, the NC Department of Public Instruction, and the NC Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health.

The US Department of Agriculture has granted a special waiver to the pilot participants that allow them to waive some of the administrative requirements and receive the highest reimbursement rates for meals served.

ECPS is receiving a mini-grant from No Kid Hungry to help defray operational expenses.

Through the grant, ECPS will be serving meals to children without charge at the following locations and dates/times:

Location	**Address, Phone Number & Contact Person**	**Start Date/End Date**	**Meal Service Start Time**	**Meal Service End Time**
Alpha & Omega Summer Camp	102 S. King Street, Whitakers (252) 437-0344 Nancy McDaniel	6/12/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m.	9 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Fountain Youth Development Center	708 Edmondson Avenue, Tarboro (252) 903-7523 Shirley McNeil	6/18/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8 a.m. Lunch 11:45 a.m.	9 a.m. 1 p.m.
Princeville Housing Authority	50 Pioneer Court, Tarboro (252) 563-5882 Sandra Carney	6/11/12 – 7/31/12	Breakfast 9 a.m. Lunch 12 p.m.	10 a.m. 1 p.m.
Anew Creation	99 N Main Street, Tarboro (252) 907-3673 Kendrick Pittman	6/11/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Lunch 12 p.m.	9:15 a.m. 1 p.m.

Mobile Home Estates	N Main Street (Dunbar), Tarboro (252) 641-5735 Jackie Sharpe	6/18/12 – 8/9/12	Lunch 11:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Jerry's Village	Hwy 33 Susan Ann Street, Tarboro (252) 641-5735 Jackie Sharpe	6/18/12 – 8/9/12	Lunch 12:30 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Light of Peace Summer Day Camp	510 S Glendale Ave, Rocky Mount (252) 266-8786 Sharon Whitaker	6/18/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 9 a.m. Lunch 12 p.m.	9:45 a.m. 12:45 p.m.
Refreshing Springs Church	1040 Hill Street, Rocky Mount (252) 266-8786 Shamika Gardner	6/18/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 9 a.m. Lunch 12 p.m.	10 a.m. 1 p.m.
Franklinton Center at Bricks	281 Bricks Lane, Whitakers (252) 437-1723 Mary Wilkins	6/18/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8 a.m. Lunch 12 p.m.	9 a.m. 1 p.m.
Conetoe Family Life Center	205 Factory Street, Conetoe (252) 711-2696 Quintina Little	6/11/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Lunch 12 p.m.	9 a.m. 1 p.m.
Kings Kids Summer Camp	901 E. St. Johns Street, Tarboro (919) 272-2074 Lateshia Pittman	6/12/12 – 7/12/12	Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Lunch 12 p.m.	10:30 a.m. 1 p.m.
It's All About the Kingdom	14th Street (Sally Jenkins), Pinetops (252) 382-4309 Terry Williams	6/18/12 – 8/9/12	Snack 3 p.m.	4 p.m.
G.W. Carver Elementary	604 E. Hamlet Street, Pinetops (252) 827-2116 Brenda Cherry	6/11/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8 a.m. Lunch 11 a.m.	9 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
North Edgecombe High School	7589 NC 33 NW, Tarboro (252) 823-3562 Linda White	6/11/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m.	9 a.m. 1 p.m.
W.A. Pattillo School	501 East Avenue, Tarboro (252) 641-5735 Jackie Sharpe	6/11/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m.	9 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

Princeville Elementary School	306 Walston Street, Princeville (252) 641-5735 Jackie Sharpe	6/11/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8 a.m. Lunch 11 a.m.	9 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
West Edgecombe Middle School	6301 Nobles Mill Pond Road, Rocky Mount (252) 446-2030 Brenda Cherry	6/18/12 – 8/9/12	Breakfast 8 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m.	9 a.m. 1p.m.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers free summer meals to kids across North Carolina similar to school lunch and breakfast programs, except meals are free to all kids ages 18 and younger who come to a summer meals site registered through the USDA. But of the more than 600,000 kids in the North Carolina were eligible for a free or reduced-price school lunch last year, only 12 percent of those kids got a free summer meal in 2011.

Lack of awareness about the program, stigma, and getting kids to a site that is near them and parents trust are just a few of the barriers families face according to recent focus groups conducted by Share Our Strength ®, the national nonprofit which supports No Kid Hungry campaigns around the nation.

“Summer meals programs are more important than ever before as families are struggling to make ends meet. Families also face the stress of providing safe, supervised and affordable places for kids and teens to socialize, play and continue to learn during the summer,” said No Kid Hungry NC program manager, Tamara Baker.

Many summer meals sites, which are registered with the USDA, offer fun learning and recreational activities so kids and teens can eat a healthy meal while staying active and hanging out with friends.

Guidelines for the program:

- Meals are FREE to children and teens ages 18 and younger who come to a summer meals site.
- Food served follows USDA nutrition guidelines and is paid for by the USDA.
- Summer meals sites are at schools, churches, community centers and other places that are safe for kids and teens to go to.
- Many sites offer educational and recreational activities that kids of all ages can participate in so they can eat, hang out with friends and take part in activities offered.
- Parents don’t need to apply to the program to get a free summer meal for their kids. They can just bring their child to a summer meals site in their community.

About No Kid Hungry North Carolina

No Kid Hungry North Carolina is a partnership launched in September 2011 by Governor Bev Perdue, the national nonprofit Share Our Strength, the nonprofit NC Serves and others. It works with

government, nonprofits and businesses to bring resources and attention to the growing childhood hunger issue in North Carolina and to bring viable, sustainable solutions for rapid improvement.

About Share Our Strength

Share Our Strength®, a national nonprofit, is ending childhood hunger in America by connecting children with the nutritious food they need to lead healthy, active lives. Through its No Kid Hungry® campaign—a national effort to end childhood hunger in America—Share

Our Strength ensures children in need are enrolled in effective federal nutrition programs; invests in community organizations fighting hunger; teaches families how to cook healthy, affordable meals; and builds public-private partnerships to end childhood hunger, at the state and city level. Working closely with the culinary industry and relying on the strength of its volunteers, Share Our Strength hosts innovative culinary fundraising events and develops pioneering cause marketing campaigns that support No Kid Hungry. Visit Strength.org to get involved.

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