

Interim Study 19-48 Summer Feeding Programs for Youth

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Hunger Free Oklahoma

History

In order to create change, Oklahoma needed systemic solutions, public-private partnerships, and a statewide collaborative body focused on hunger. Crucial to the success of such an effort is a backbone organization bringing the vision, support, and advocacy needed to move the needle. In 2016, Hunger Free Oklahoma was formed to be that organization.

Mission

Leveraging the power of collaboration to solve hunger in Oklahoma by improving systems, policies, and practices.

Vision

All Oklahomans have enough food, every day.

Food Insecurity in Oklahoma

652,000
Food Insecure Oklahomans

61%
of public school
students eat a
free and
reduced price
school meal



More than 1 in
5 children are
food insecure



1 in 6 households
is food insecure

Impacts of Food Insecurity



HEALTH

Exacerbates chronic illnesses including kidney disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity.



ACADEMICS

Lower reading & math scores, increased behavior & social problems, lower graduation rates.



CHILDREN

Low birth-weight, delayed development, decreased language acquisition.



WORKFORCE

Weakened labor force, decreased educational attainment, increased health care costs.

Summer Meals Help Kids and Teens

The Summer Meals Program provides healthy, no-cost meals to all kids aged 18 and under during summer months

How Summer Meals Work

USDA

Sets program guidelines for federal nutrition programs
Oversees state administering agencies
Provides reimbursements for eligible meals

OSDE

Administers child nutrition programs in Oklahoma
Trains all sponsors
Performs administrative reviews

Sponsor

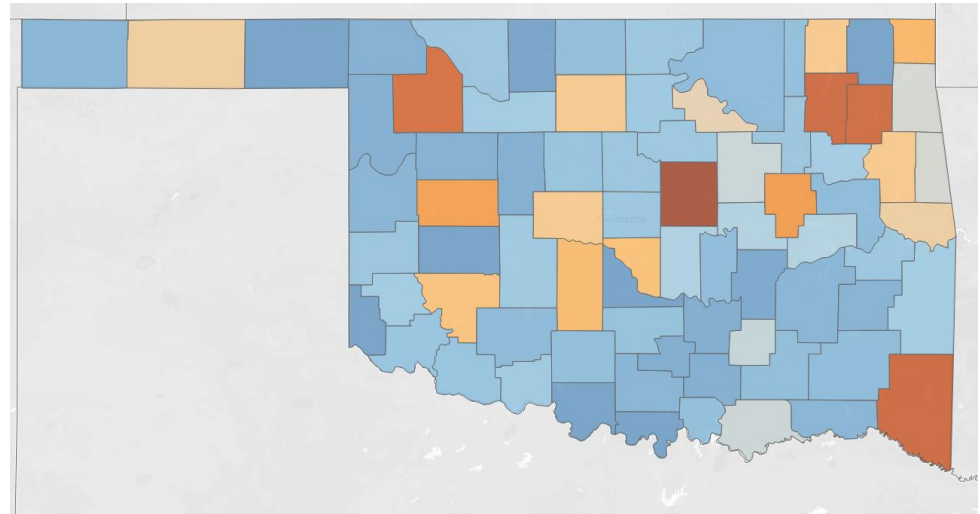
Attends state agency's training
Accepts financial and administrative responsibility of SFSP
Partners with eligible sites, provides training and oversight

Meal Site

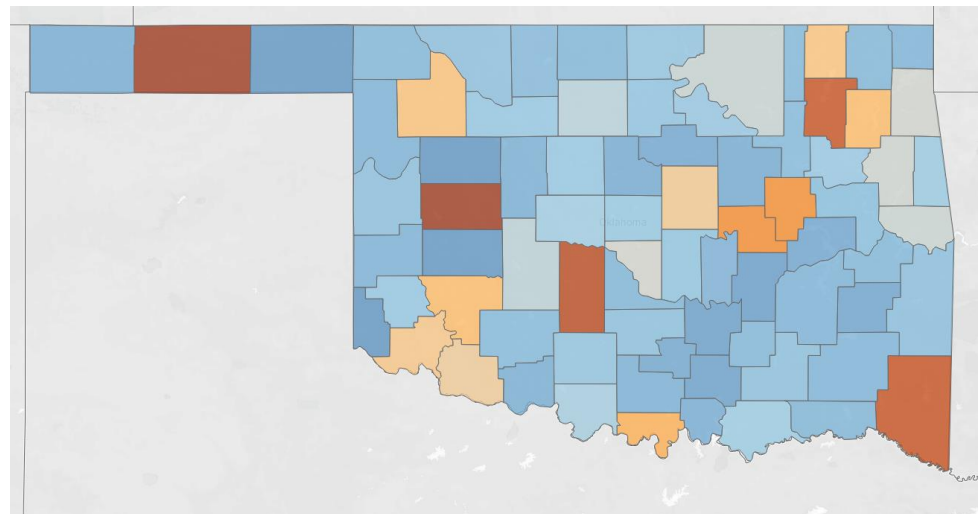
Attends their sponsor's training
Serves qualifying meals to all kids aged 18 and under
Records the number of meals served

Average Number of FRPL Children/Site

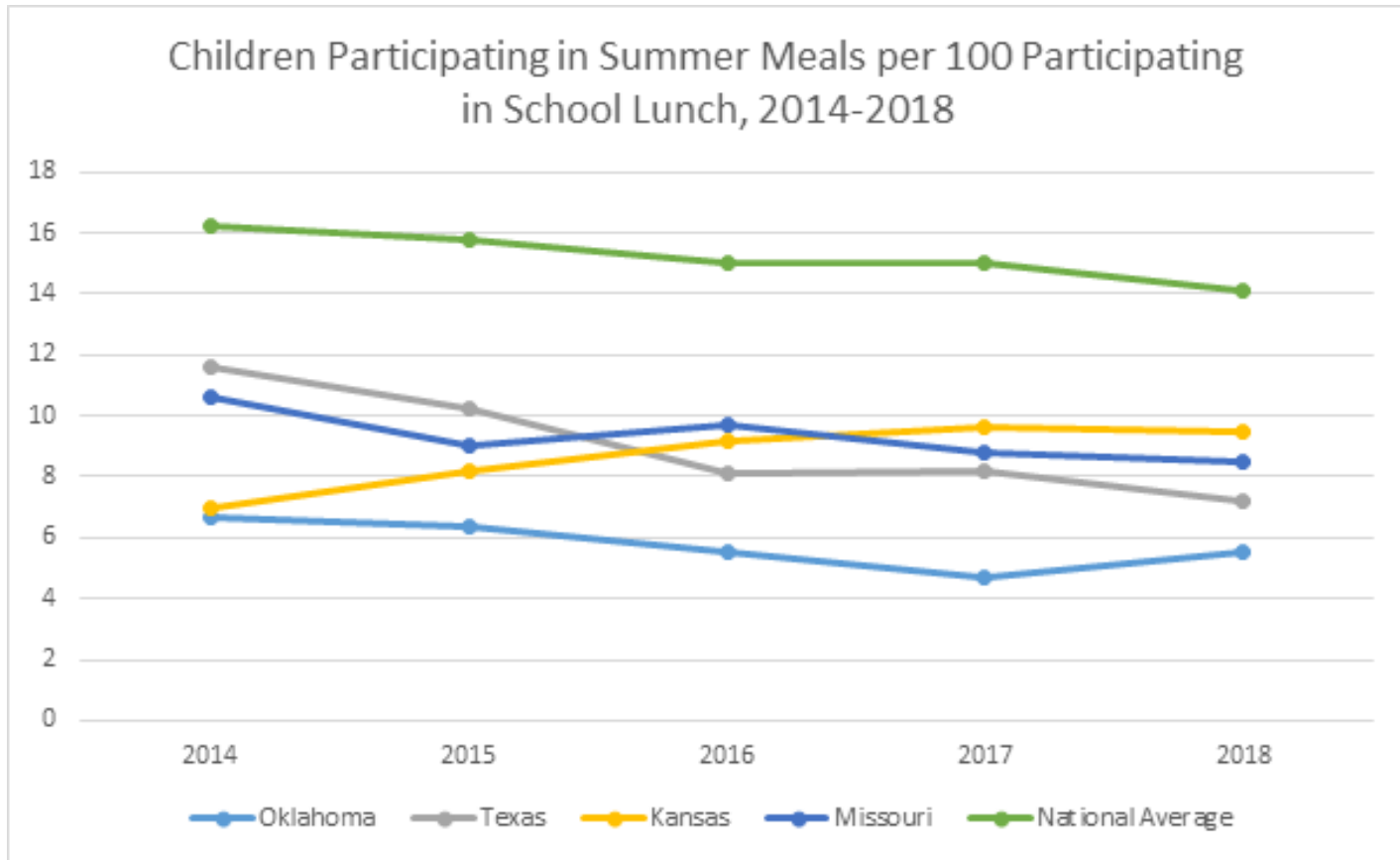
2017



2019



Oklahoma Lags Behind



Summer Meals Program Challenges

- Lack of awareness about the program
- Reaching kids in rural communities
- Navigating administrative requirements

Collaborative Solutions

OK Childhood
Food Security
Coalition

www.Meals4KidsOK.org



NO COST MEALS
FOR KIDS AGES 1 TO 18!

For serving locations visit Meals4KidsOK.org

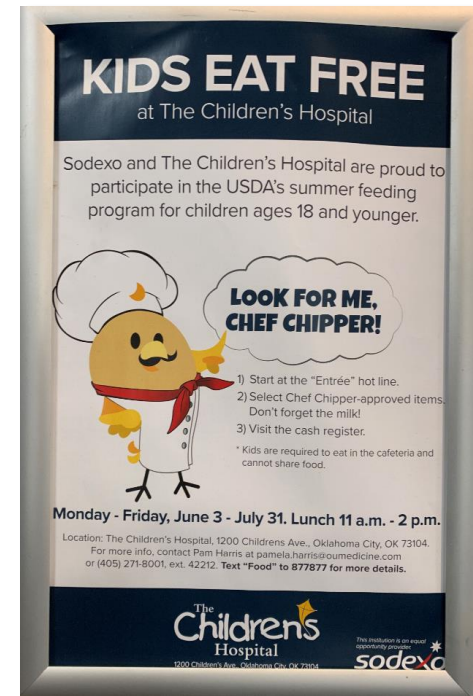
#Food4ThoughtOK

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Opportunities to Improve Access

- Summer EBT Program
- Build Summer Meals network to provide support to participating organizations
- Engage new partners
- Share innovative ideas



We Need Your Support

- Be a Summer Meals champion for your district, contact HFO to learn more
- Support Out of School Time (OST) programming and encourage utilization of Summer Meals by OST providers

