



Kids Cafe Fact Sheet

FEEDING AMERICA’S CHILD HUNGER STRATEGY FOCUSES ON REACHING CHILDREN AT THE TIME WHEN THEY ARE MOST IN NEED: IN THE SUMMER, AFTERSCHOOL. AT HOME. AND OVER WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL VACATIONS

Kids Cafe Program

Program Summary

Kids Cafe programs provide free meals and snacks to low-income children through a variety of community locations where children already congregate during the afterschool hours—such as Boys and Girls Clubs, churches or public schools. In addition to providing meals to kids, some Kids Cafe programs also offer a safe place, where under the supervision of trustworthy staff, a child can get involved in educational, recreational and social activities. All Kids Cafe programs also offer nutrition education throughout the school year.

Program Objectives

- Serve nutritious meals to children at-risk of hunger
- Provide programs within easily accessible safe sites
- Supplement the meal service with enrichment activities

Greater Cleveland Food Bank’s Kids Cafe Requirements

It is the Greater Cleveland Food Bank’s goal to provide support to local community organizations as they enhance their ability to provide food and educational opportunities for the children they serve. We have listed the requirements and objectives for all Greater Cleveland Food Bank Kids Cafe programs. These objectives represent the minimum components of the program and are based on fundamental criteria set by Feeding America and the Ohio Department of Education. However, the program’s flexibility allows for additional activities and objectives in response to unique situations and ideas.

All community organizations that are located in an eligible area that chose to participate in the Greater Cleveland Food Bank’s Kids Cafe program will enter into an official partnership with the Food Bank by submitting the following:

- ✓ **Completed Site Application**
Sites will complete the Greater Cleveland Food Bank’s Kids Cafe Application annually and have two of their staff/volunteers attend a training before the start of the next program year in order to review rules and requirements, as well as any changes to the program.
- ✓ **Separate Entity Agreement**
Site will sign a Separate Entity Agreement, which is a requirement for participation by the Ohio Department of Education.
- ✓ **Proof of Non-Profit Status**
Site will provide proof of 501©3 status in order to be eligible for the Kids Café Feeding Program. Exceptions include schools and libraries.
- ✓ **Current Fire and Health Inspection**
Site will provide current Fire and Health Inspection documents for the facilities being used for the Kids Café Feeding Program.
- ✓ **Food Service License or Exemption Letter**
Site will provide current Food Service License documents for the facilities being used for the Kids Café Feeding Program. Site may seek exemption letter from local Health Department.
- ✓ **Site Notification**
Site will provide Site Notification document if program is run in a school building.

Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Kids Cafe Requirements

Kids Cafe Site must:

- Complete application packet and have two staff/volunteers attend training each year.
- Serve healthy, nutritious meals to children free of charge at a minimum of two (2) times per week.
- Serve a minimum of 25 kids per day.
- Submit daily Meal Tracker counts every day before 11:00 pm and weekly attendance sheets each Friday by 11:00 pm.
- Be available to three (3) site visits per year, of which two (2) will be unannounced.
- Have a current fire inspection and health inspection/exemption letter.
- Provide organized, regularly scheduled activities in a structured and supervised environment, to include education or enrichment activities. Nutritional education should also be at a minimum of once per month. The Food Bank encourages weekly instruction in nutrition and healthy living.
- Be within easy access to children in need, and children must be able to travel safely to and from the Kids Cafe.
- Be conducted in a safe space by trustworthy staff to supervise the children. The adult to child ratio must be a minimum of 2 adults per 25 children at all times that the program is operational.

Need more Information?

For additional information on the Kids Cafe program or any of Greater Cleveland Food Bank's child hunger programs, please contact:

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