## FEEDING AMERICA'S CHILDREN AFTERSCHOOL

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## MEET THE PRESENTERS

- Erik Peterson, Afterschool Alliance
- Signe Anderson, FRAC
- Lynn Sobolov, Excel Beyond the Bell, Montgomery County Collaboration Council
- Veneice Smith-McCain, Boston Public Schools
- Jeff Rowe, E S Foods



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### **AFTERSCHOOL MEAL BASICS**

# AT-RISK AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

#### • Programs must:

- Offer educational and enrichment activities
- Located in an area where at least half of the students in the local elementary, middle or high school are eligible for free or reduced price school meals
- Meet state and local health and safety standards or be licensed for child care if required by state or local law





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### THE BASICS

- Schools, local government agencies, private non-profits can host
- Afterschool, on weekends, and during school holidays
- Can serve meals and snacks, if program is long enough
- Available through the Child and Adult Care Food Program







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#### FEEDBACK FROM AFTERSCHOOL MEAL SURVEY

- 80% served afterschool snacks, about 30% serve meals
- Milk, Fruit and Crackers were three most popular items served. Over 50% self-prepare
- 10.9% of programs' budgets going towards providing snacks/meals
- Cost and food storage were 2 biggest barriers
- 54% of programs had not heard of the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program



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## What resources are available to assist local programs interested in serving afterschool meals?

## **FOOD RESEARCH & ACTION CENTER**



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### THE ACTION IN FRAC

- Promote federal nutrition programs
- Conduct research and policy analysis
- Serve as a clearinghouse
- Provide technical assistance
- Work with Congress





### RESOURCES



- FRAC website: <u>www.frac.org</u> Summer & Afterschool Nutrition Programs
- Meals Matter Monthly Call Series
- Simplified Summer Toolkit
- Afterschool Meals Guide
- Standards of Excellence



Why do you offer afterschool meals during the programs you run in collaboration with Montgomery Public Schools?

## **EXCEL BEYOND THE BELL**



#### Lynn Sobolov

Program Manager, Excel Beyond the Bell Montgomery County Collaboration Council Maryland



## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Partner	Contributions
Collaboration Council	<ul> <li>Excel Beyond the Bell Program Manager</li> <li>Direct services funding/contracting</li> <li>Program quality building with emphasis on professional development (AYD, Cultural Competency, YPQI Methods) and coaching</li> <li>Evaluation approach</li> </ul>
Department of Recreation	<ul> <li>Site Coordinators &amp; After School Activities Liaisons (ASLs)</li> <li>Funding for recreation, health and wellness programs</li> <li>Integrated schedule of programs &amp; marketing</li> <li>Coordination of enrollment and data collection</li> </ul>
Montgomery County Public Schools	<ul> <li>Principal &amp; other administrators' active involvement</li> <li>ASL selection/ongoing interaction</li> <li>Publicizing programs; referrals of vulnerable youth</li> <li>Activity buses, school space and At Risk Supper</li> <li>Program</li> <li>Student school performance data</li> </ul>



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Three sessions of 9-10 weeks each –October 1<sup>st</sup> start date
- Programs operate Monday through Thursday at Argyle, Clemente and Loiederman; 2 days per week at Forest Oak and Neelsville
- Programs begin at end of school day, ending at 5:15 pm
- Programs include STEM, career exploration, leadership and civic engagement, creative arts, recreation and health and wellness.
- Students in any afterschool activity with academic enrichment receive supper (At-Risk Supper Program via MCPS)
- Activity buses run at 5:15; extracurricular participants can stay with homework help provided





## YEAR 2 WINS

#### **Programs:**

- 57 total programs scheduled for  $1^{st}$  10-week session
- 831 students have enrolled to date, with many programs having wait lists for second session
- 33,000 suppers were served in the first year of the program
- NACO award for EBB

#### <u>Partnerships:</u>

- Cross agency team in place along with school-based teams
- High school internship program implemented at all 5 schools
- Additional program volunteers from Montgomery College
- Activities provided by volunteers from So What Else at no cost to the program
- 2 IBM grants awarded will include partnership with State Attorney and Germantown Police



NEED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

#### Overall 41.5% or nearly 61,000 Montgomery County Public Schools students have participated in the Free and Reduced Meals program (FARM).



## NEED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Month/Year	Number of Meals Served at EBB sites
October 2010	2,776*
October 2011	6,670
October 2012	8,398

\*730 suppers, 2,046 snacks, prior to Excel Beyond the Bell

A total of 33,000 after school meals were served at 1 elementary school and 3 middle schools in school year 2011/2012

## Why are you moving from afterschool snacks to afterschool meals?

## **BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**Boston Public Schools** 

**Veneice Smith-McCain** 

## How has E S Foods Stepped forward to address childhood hunger in out of school settings?

## **E S Foods**



**Jeff Rowe** Executive Director

## SUPPORTING AFTERSCHOOL MEALS

- Sponsorship of outreach efforts by Afterschool Alliance
- National surveys to identify potential sponsors



• Messaging in School Nutrition magazine

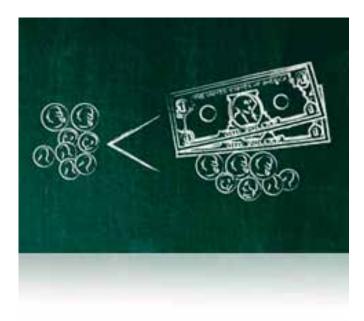


### SUPPORTING AFTERSCHOOL MEALS



## Product solutions to make serving a meal as simple as serving a snack

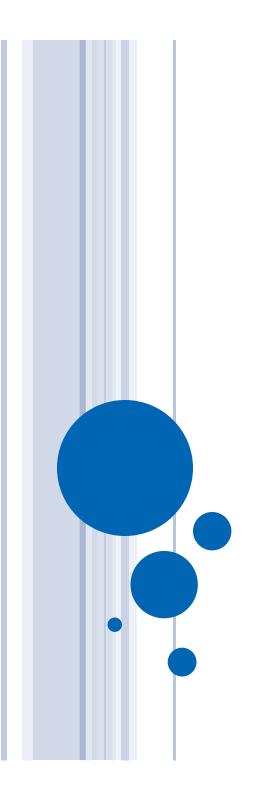
## SUPPORTING AFTERSCHOOL MEALS



For every 100 children participating, sponsors generate over \$50,000 in program funding and support ([\$2.86 per meal + \$0.2275 commodity or cash in lieu] \* 170 serving days = \$52,487.50)



## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



#### THANK YOU!

## Thank you for joining today's webinar.

If you have additional questions, please email <u>asteines@afterschoolalliance.org</u>