Improving the Summer Food Service Program in Worcester

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Causes of the Problem

1. Inadequate Temporal Coverage

2. Inadequate Geographic Coverage

3. Lack of funding

4. Lack of promotion

Over half of the parents surveyed didn’t know about SFSP.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer. It’s open to any child under 18.

Problem

In Worcester, the Summer Food Service Program doesn’t feed all the children who qualify.

Solution

Goals

Mechanism

Better Promotion

MORE DAYS Thru Start of School

MORE KIDS +30%

Mechanism

Volunteers for Extended Days

Better Promotion

Benefits

• Better access to SFSP sites for more children
  – Better nutritional status
  – Improved mental health
  – Better school work
  – Community building