



June 5, 2019

Dear Parents or Guardian,

We would like to communicate an announcement to those families previously receiving Summer Meals on the Move Program Benefits.

*The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) regrets to inform you that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services has **not** reissued the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children (Summer Meals on the Move) demonstration program to Connecticut for the summer of 2019.*

If you have any questions regarding the discontinuation of the Summer Meals on the Move demonstration program, please refer inquiries to Susan Gwiazda, SNAP Consultant at Susan.Gwiada@ct.gov or 860-424-4992.

Find a free summer meal site by accessing <https://www.endhungerct.org/summer-meals>, texting CTmeals to 877877, or calling 211.

To find out if your children qualify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) call 1-866-974-7627.

To apply for traditional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits, households can use the DSS ConneCT Pre-Screening tool at; <https://www.connect.ct.gov/access/jsp/access/Home.jsp> . To find more information about traditional SNAP benefits; <https://www.endhungerct.org/snap/> .

Sincerely,

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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

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- 2. fax: (202) 690-7442;*
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