



Launching Summer EBT in New York

Plans for Summer 2024 & How You Can Help

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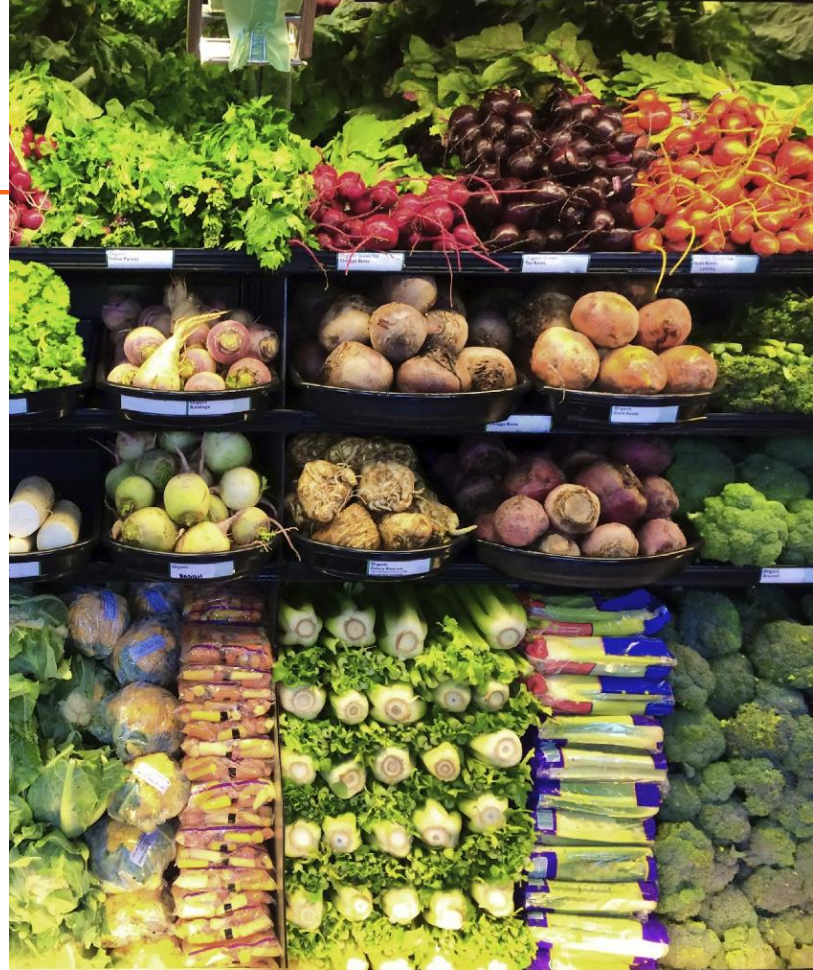
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Agenda

- **Background re: Summer EBT**
- **Summer 2024 Rollout in NY**
- **How Partners Can Help**
- **Q&A**



Hunger Solutions New York is a statewide anti-hunger organization.

We increase **awareness** of, **support** for, and **participation** in federal nutrition assistance programs.

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No Kid Hungry New York works to end childhood hunger in New York.



At No Kid Hungry, we are committed to ensuring that every kid has 3 healthy meals a day, 365 days a year.

Using proven, practical strategies, we work with school districts, community organizations, government agencies, and elected officials to ensure children have access to the healthy food they need, every day.

How did we get here?

- Summer child hunger is pervasive nationwide.
- Traditional summer meal programs – though critical – reach fewer than 1 in 4 low-income children in NY.
- Summer EBT demonstration projects & Pandemic-EBT reduced food insecurity.
- Congress authorized a permanent Summer EBT program in December 2022.

Nearly **1 in 5** NY kids struggled with food insecurity in 2022.

Hunger is amplified in the summer months, when kids lose access to school meals.



Summer EBT

Overview of Summer EBT

New York State - 2024

Summer EBT Staff

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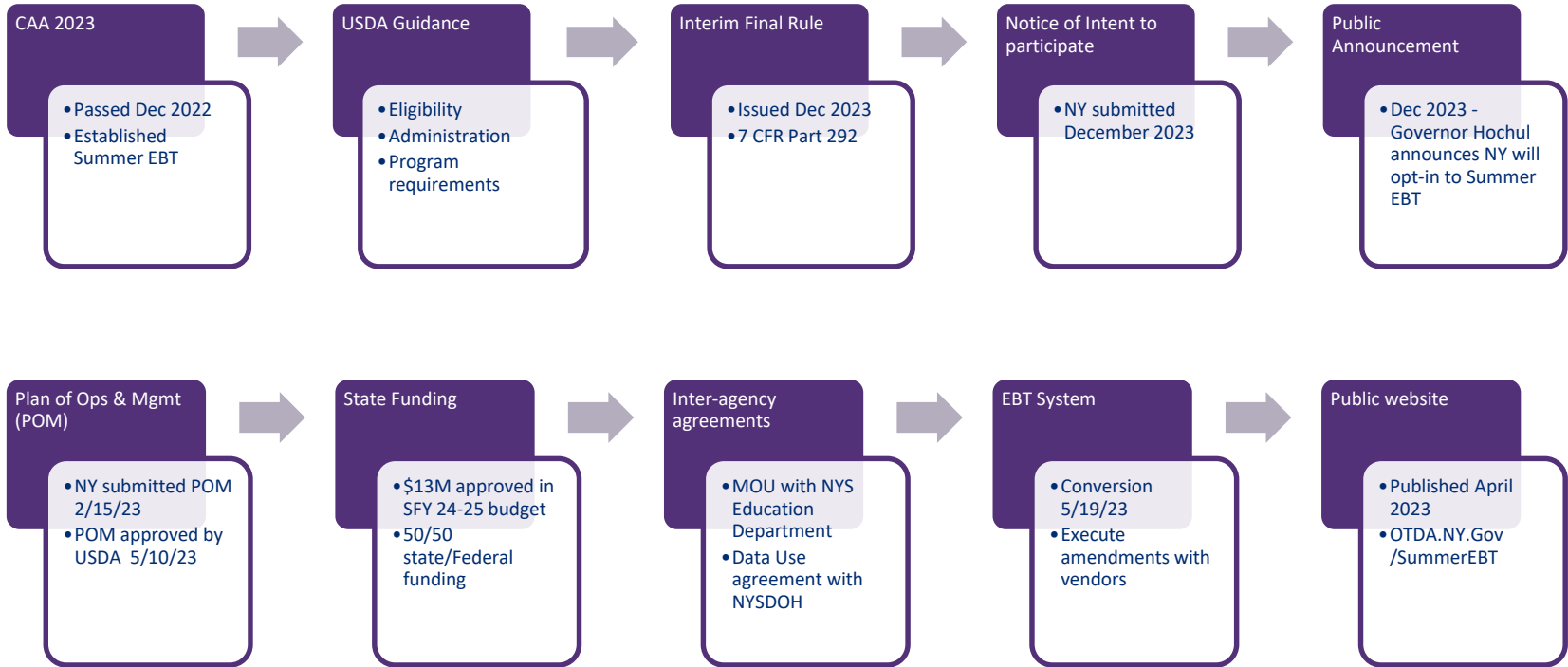
What is Summer EBT

- New food benefit to eligible children to supplement loss of free school meals during summer months
- \$120 benefit per eligible child - paid in a single issuance
- More than 2 Million children are expected to be eligible



Summer EBT

Summer EBT Milestones



Summer EBT

Eligibility

Streamline Certified (**1.8M children**) (Automatically Eligible & Issued)

- Participates in:
 - SNAP/Temporary Assistance/Medicaid, OR
 - Directly certified for free/reduced price meals by school

Eligible through an Application (**300k children**)

- Attends a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participating school, AND
- Household income at or below 185% FPL (income limit for free or reduced-price school meals)

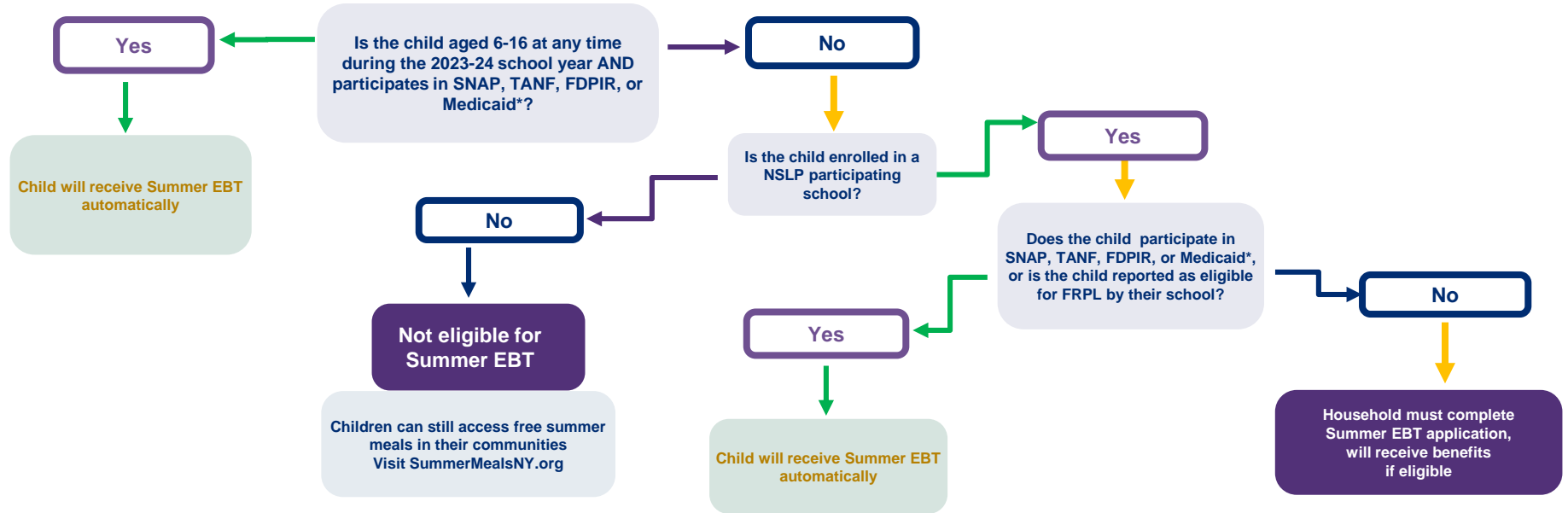
Attending a CEP school alone **does not** confer eligibility. All children need an individual eligibility determination - must be categorically eligible/directly certified by school or determined eligible through an application.



Summer EBT

ELIGIBILITY FLOW FOR Summer EBT Benefits for Children

Intended Audience: Schools, Community Partners



FDPIR- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

FRPL- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch- a child's FRPL eligibility is established based on their participation in SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, or Medicaid*, or if they are homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program, or through an income application. The New York State Education Department collects this student level data through the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) or the Information and Reporting Services Data Exchange (IDEx), which is then transferred to the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

NSLP- National School Lunch Program

SNAP- Supplemental Nutrition Program

TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

**Medicaid-Limited to certain Medicaid eligible children that have income that is at or below 133% of poverty before the application of blocks, disregards or exceptions.*

Streamline Certification/Automatically Eligible

- Eligible children identified from:
 - NYSED student enrollment, demographic and parent/guardian data
 - SIRS data – Public Schools
 - IDEX – Non-public Schools
 - NYS DOH Medicaid data (Age 6-16 during 2023-24 SY)
 - SNAP/TA data (Age 6-16 during 2023-24 SY)
- Students meeting eligibility criteria are automatically enrolled in Summer EBT and will be issued benefits
- Eligibility letters issued beginning in late June – and continuing through Summer



Summer EBT Application

- Modeled on USDA Free/Reduced Price School Meal Application
- Online/Mobile friendly portal
 - Available in early July
 - English/Spanish
 - Requires NY.gov ID log in
- Complete by **September 3** to be considered for 2024 benefits
- Child eligible if:
 - Child attends NSLP school
 - Household income at or below 185% FPL



Summer EBT

Application Components

- One application per Household
- Application Components:
 - Child name, DOB, School name
 - Child's NYS Student Identification System (NYSSIS) ID number and/or local student ID number (optional)
 - Names of all others living in household
 - Amount and frequency of all income sources
 - Current address, phone number, and email address
 - Sign attestation
- No documentation required at time of application
- Verification may be required in certain circumstances



Household Communication

Eligibility letters

- Letters contain program information and specific payment method for child
 - Public school students/automatically eligible
 - Non-public students/automatically eligible
 - Application determinations
- Letter clarifies that Summer EBT does not affect immigration status

Emails/Text Messages

- Reinforcement of eligibility notice
- Benefits issuance



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Benefits/Payment Method

- Every child will have their own Summer EBT food benefit card
- Benefits may be issued on pre-existing **P-EBT cards**
- Others will be mailed new **Summer EBT cards**
- Benefits will NOT be issued to a household SNAP EBT account
- Card replacement/activation information included in letters
- Keep Summer EBT food benefit card for future year benefits
- Use Summer EBT benefits just like SNAP benefits at SNAP-participating retailers including grocery stores and farmers markets
- Summer EBT benefits cannot be replaced if stolen

← Same card, just a new name!



Summer EBT

Benefit Expiration

- **122** days from **date of issuance**
- All unused funds expire and are removed from card
- Challenge: short timeframe to update address, issue replacement cards, etc.



P-EBT vs. Summer EBT

	P-EBT	Summer EBT
Universal Meal (CEP) Schools	All children were eligible	Individual eligibility determinations required
Expungement	274 days from date of issue or last used	122 days for all unused benefits
Application	None (except for attendance in 2021-22)	Required for those w/o individual determination
Payment Method	SNAP EBT & P-EBT cards	P-EBT or Summer EBT cards
Fair Hearings/appeals	Not permitted	Appeal procedure in place, similar to NSLP. Will be administered by OTDA Summer EBT unit



Summer EBT



Summer EBT Food Benefits

Learn how New York's Summer EBT program can help feed kids this summer!

The new Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program will help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. Families will get \$120 in food benefits for each eligible child.

Eligible children will receive Summer EBT food benefits on an EBT card. Families can use their Summer EBT food benefits to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at **authorized retail food stores, farmers markets**, and anywhere else SNAP is accepted.

Most children will be automatically eligible for Summer EBT and do not need to do anything to enroll. However, some children may need to apply. An online application will be available in July.

Automatically Eligible:

- The child received SNAP, Temporary Assistance, or Medicaid at any time in the 2023-24 school year.
- OR**
- The child has been determined eligible by their school for free/reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program during the 2023-24 school year.
- **Automatically eligible children do not need to apply.**

Must Apply:

- The child is not automatically eligible,
- AND**
- The household meets the income requirements for free/reduced-price school meals,
- AND**
- The child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program,
 - An online application will be available in July.

Unused Summer EBT benefits expire and are removed from the EBT card 4 months after the date they are issued. Families should use their benefits soon after they are received.

To learn more about Summer EBT, including when and how food benefits will be issued, and how to use them, visit otda.ny.gov/SummerEBT.



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For more information, visit:
otda.ny.gov/SummerEBT



Outreach Materials

- [OTDA.ny.gov/SummerEBT](https://otda.ny.gov/SummerEBT)
- “Info for Providers and Schools”
 - General outreach flyer
 - Sample newsletter
 - Social media resources
 - Application instructions/video



Summer EBT

Customer Service

OTDA.ny.gov/SummerEBT

- Benefit issuance timeline
- Eligibility
- EBT cards replacement/activation
- Address change form
- Detailed FAQ
- Application link/instructions
- Outreach materials

Summer EBT Helpline

- 1-833-452-0096
- Answer general questions
- Child specific eligibility questions (beginning July 1)
- Update address

EBT Customer Service Helpline

- Activate EBT cards
- Order replacement cards to same address on file

School Data Support

- [RIC-Big5 Contacts for LEAs \(nysed.gov\)](https://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/ric-big5.html)
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How Partners Can Help

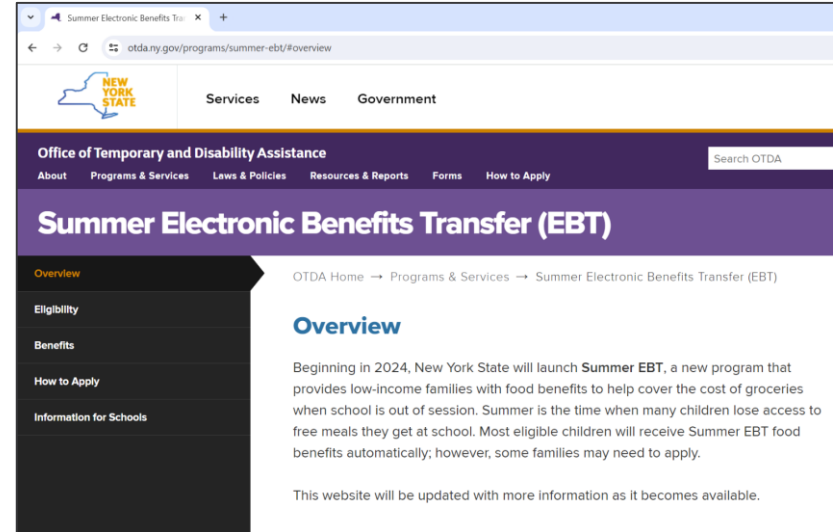
Amplify key messages:

- Most families do not need to apply.
- For those who *do* need to apply, the application will be available online and in print in July. Apply by September 3, 2024.
- Use your benefits quickly & keep your card.
- You can use Summer EBT and summer meal sites (plus, other nutrition programs like SNAP & WIC).
- Immigration status does not affect eligibility.

How Partners Can Help

Direct families to OTDA's customer service resources:

- **OTDA.ny.gov/SummerEBT**
- Summer EBT helpline:
1-833-452-0096



How Partners Can Help

- **Share information about SNAP & school meals**, which streamline access to Summer EBT:
 - [SNAP outreach toolkit](#)
 - Connect with your local NOEP Coordinator: FoodHelpNY.org
- **Promote summer meal sites**, including new grab-and-go sites: SummerMealsNY.org
- **Connect families to WIC**, too! WICHelpNY.org



Q&A



Additional Resources

- **OTDA's Summer EBT outreach resources:**
 - [Outreach flyer](#) (also in [Spanish](#))
 - [Sample newsletter articles](#)
- **Data support for schools:**
 - DataSupport.nysed.gov/hc/en-us