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ALABAMA SEeks AT-RISK AFTErSCHOOL PROGRAM SPONSORS

Program provides nutritious snacks or meals to children at eligible sites

Montgomery, Ala. – When school is out and parents are still at work, children need a safe place to be with their friends, with structured activities, supportive adults, and good nutrition.

The At-Risk Afterschool Program gives children and teenagers the healthy snacks or meals they need and draws them into constructive activities that are safe, fun, and filled with opportunities for learning. The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), is currently seeking sponsors to operate the 2016-2017 At-Risk Afterschool Program for Alabama children.

Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for preparing and serving meals to eligible children at their sites. Meals and/or snacks may be served to children in places such as schools, learning centers, community centers, and churches.

In addition to school systems, non-profit organizations and units of local, municipal, county, or state governments may qualify as At-Risk Afterschool sponsors if they are located in eligible areas where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

To be eligible, sponsors must:

- Be organized primarily to provide care for children after school or on weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year.
- Provide organized regularly scheduled activities.
- Include education or enrichment activities.
- Be located in an eligible area.
- Show financial and administrative capabilities for operating the program.
- Attend training.

Potential sponsors may contact Kimberlei Bowen via mail at Alabama State Department of Education, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, AL, 36130-2101; via telephone at 334-242-9376; or via e-mail at kb Bowen@alsde.edu.

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