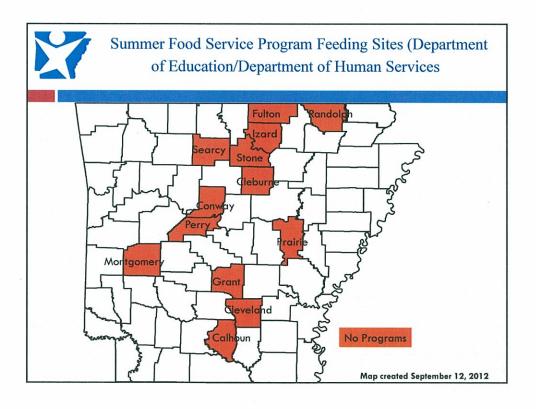




## Updates From the Department of Human Services and Arkansas Department of Education

Data provided by the Child Nutrition Department of the Arkansas Department of Education





## Summer Food Service Program Numbers

- An estimated 244,000 children are eligible for the Summer Meals Program.
- □ 2011/25,317 children were served (DHS)
- □ 2011/28,869 children were served (ADE)
- 2012/estimating 30,000 children (DHS-\*data will not be final until November)
- 2012/incomplete data 29,149 children served (ADE)
   \*Estimate 30,000 after all claims submitted by November
- □ Governor Beebe's goal is to serve 93,000 by the end of 2014.



## Reaching the Goal

- Partnering with Department of Education and other stakeholders to provide outreach and information to communities
- Automating systems and reviewing processes to remove any barriers
- Analyzing data with partners to ensure statewide coverage and look for opportunities to provide access
- □ Technical assistance and training to staff and providers