

# BUDGETING 101

CREATING & MAINTAINING A BUDGET

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# WHAT IS A BUDGET?

**A business action plan expressed in dollars that estimates expected income and expenses for a specified period of time**

# WHY IS A BUDGET IMPORTANT?

## **BENEFITS**

- Requires a business to plan ahead
- Promotes awareness of the business' overall operations
- Creates an early warning system and helps control expenses
- Useful guide for decision making

# ORGANIZATION WIDE BUDGET VS. PROGRAM BUDGET

## **ORGANIZATION WIDE**

- Identifies all income and expenses for the entire organization

## **PROGRAM WIDE**

- Identifies all income and expenses broken down for each program
  - Pre-school
  - Infant care
  - After-school
  - Food service

# DEVELOPING A BUDGET

## **Establish time period the budget will cover**

- Generally one fiscal year

## **Estimate number of children served/enrolled**

- Licensed capacity
- Facility capacity based on occupancy permit

# ELEMENTS IN A BUDGET

## **ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

- Tuition fees
- Government funding/Grants
- Historical data from Accounting System financial statements
- Estimated daily attendance
- Income from other sources
  - Fundraising
  - Donations

# ELEMENTS IN A BUDGET CONT.

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES

- Fixed expenses- do not fluctuate based on attendance
  - Rent/Mortgage on building
  - Insurance
  - Utilities
  - Telephone
- Salary expenditures
  - Number of Staff and anticipated gross salary for time period of budget
  - Anticipated benefits
    - Vacation, Sick leave, Retirement and Health Insurance
    - Employer portion of taxes(FICA, Workers Comp and Unemployment Insurance)

# ELEMENTS IN A BUDGET CONT.

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES CONT.

- Contractual program requirements
  - Required Audit
  - Required program reporting
    - Program monitoring
    - Operational reporting
    - Licensing
    - Collection of income eligibility forms
- Everything else
  - Materials and supplies
  - Equipment
  - Staff development/training
  - Advertising
  - Travel/Mileage



# BUDGET REVIEW

## **ARE THE REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS USED TO CREATE THE BUDGET REASONABLE AND REALISTIC**

- Can they be supported by past financial statements or justifiable assumptions of future revenue

## **ARE EXPENSES ACCURATELY REFLECTED BASED ON ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

## **HOW MUCH IS THE PROJECTED SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE BUDGET**

# BUDGETING PITFALLS

## **OVERESTIMATING REVENUES**

- Unrealistic expectations of the start up enrollment for a new facility
- Unrealistic growth in enrollment of existing facilities

## **UNDERESTIMATING EXPENSES**

- Unanticipated staff expenses
- Higher food cost
- Not planning for the unexpected

## **NOT RECOGNIZING BREAK EVEN POINT FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

- What is the minimum revenue required to meet expense obligations and provide quality care

## **NOT REVIEWING THE BUDGET VS. ACTUAL ACCOUNTING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT LEAST QUARTERLY**

- Identify program specific discrepancies in budgeted vs. actual revenue
- Identify program specific discrepancies in budgeted vs. actual expenses
- What programs are over/under budgeted forecast
- Identify if the budget is still realistic or if it needs to be adjusted

# BUDGETING FOR FOOD ITEMS

- Prepare Menu – include serving sizes of items for each meal component
- Determine purchase quantity for meal components based upon serving size and estimated number of meals needed
- Food Buying Guide Calculator for Child Nutrition Programs -  
<http://fbg.nfsmi.org/Default.aspx>
  - Creates a shopping list based upon your menu
  - Calculates quantity of items needed to serve estimated number of children based upon serving sizes selected
- Annual Budgeting – Determine an average food cost per child based upon your monthly menu or cycle menu

# PURCHASING TIPS

**PLAN YOUR MENUS AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE**

**BUY NON PERISHABLE ITEMS IN BULK WHEN POSSIBLE**

**JOIN A FOOD BANK**

**COMBINE PURCHASING WITH OTHER CENTERS TO REDUCE PRICE**

**IS IT WORTH DRIVING 50 MILES TO SAVE \$5?**

**NUTRITIOUS DOESN'T MEAN EXPENSIVE**

**DON'T SHOP HUNGRY**

**CLIP COUPONS**

**COMPARISON SHOPPING**

**MAKE A SHOPPING LIST AND STICK TO IT (LIMIT IMPULSE ITEMS)**

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ADEQUATE STORAGE (YOU CAN NOT FREEZE MILK)**

# PARTIAL LIST OF FOOD VENDORS

## US Food Service:

800 Fiber Optic Drive

Little Rock, AR 72117

501-235-4300

## Food for Good-Pepsico

555 West Monroe Street

Chicago, IL 60661

312-821-2947

## Tankersley Foodservice:

3203 Industrial Park Rd.

Van Buren, AR 72956

479-471-6800 800-762-6182

## Highland, Turner and Coleman Dairy

6901 Interstate 30

Little Rock, AR 72209

501-748-1700

## Performance Food Group:

4901 Asher Ave.

Little Rock, AR 72204

501-568-3141

## Owens Food Service

9 Portea Dr.

Pine Bluff, AR 71601

870-535-0770

## Ben E. Keith Little Rock

1200 Pike Ave.

North Little Rock, AR 72114

501-978-5000

## Metro Foods

3300 Brown St.

Little Rock, AR 72204

501-280-9999

# PARTIAL LIST OF ARKANSAS FOOD BANKS

<u>Food Bank of North Central Arkansas</u>		<u>Arkansas Food Bank Network</u>
www.foodbanknca.org		www.arkansasfoodbank.
14215 AR-5		8121 Distribution Dr Bldg A
Norfolk, AR		Little Rock, AR
(870) 499-7565		(501) 565-8121
<u>Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas</u>		<u>Harvest Texarkana Food Bank</u>
foodbankofnea.org		www.harvesttexarkana.org
3406 S Culberhouse Rd		3406 S Culberhouse Rd
Jonesboro, AR		Jonesboro, AR
(870) 932-3663		(870) 932-3663
<u>Loaves &amp; Fishes Food Bank of the Ozarks</u>		<u>Food For Kids</u>
home.windstream.net		ricedepot.org
301 Bunch Springs Rd		3801 W 65th St
Berryville, AR		Little Rock, AR
(870) 423-4246		(501) 565-8855

# RESOURCES

<http://childcareaware.org/child-care-providers/business-plan/preparing-a-budget>

<http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&Self-Employed/Small-Business-Self-Employed-Virtual-Small-Business-Tax-Workshop>

[http://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/businessresourcecenter/wp-content/blogs.dir/2/files/2011/01/Making Your Financials Work for You A Self Study Guide.pdf](http://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/businessresourcecenter/wp-content/blogs.dir/2/files/2011/01/Making_Your_Financials_Work_for_You_A_Self_Study_Guide.pdf)

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/blocks3.pdf>