

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a program of the USDA, provides nutritious meals and snacks to infants and children as a regular part of their day care.

A variety of public or private nonprofit child care centers, Head Start programs, outside-school-hours care centers, and other institutions which are licensed or approved to provide day care services participate in CACFP. For-profit centers that serve lower income children may also be eligible.

CACFP reimburses centers at free, reduced-price, or paid rates for eligible meals and snacks served to enrolled children, targeting benefits to those children most in need.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/ChildCare.htm>.



Please Note: Eligible public or private non-profit child care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, Head Start programs, and other institutions which are licensed or approved day services may participate in CACFP, independently or as sponsored centers. For profit centers must receive title XX funds for at least 25 percent of enrolled children or licensed capacity (which ever is less) or at least 25 percent of the children in care must be eligible for free and reduced price meals. Meals served to children are reimbursed at rates based upon a child's eligibility for free, reduced price, or paid meals.