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Alaska Announces Agencies that Provide Free Meals to Children with U.S. Department of Agriculture Funds

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Child Nutrition Programs, announces the participation of Alaskan agencies providing meals free of charge to enrolled children without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. The individual agency names can be found on the department's webpage at: http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/pdf/cacfp_participants_by_community.pdf.

These non-profit, for-profit or governmental agencies include child care centers, adult day care centers, Head Start programs, emergency shelters, at-risk afterschool and outside school hour care centers, and family day care home providers. They receive funds from the United States Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program. The Department of Education and Early Development, Child Nutrition Programs, oversees all aspects of this program.

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