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DEED Announces Alaska Agencies Providing Free Meals to Children

JUNEAU -- The Department of Education & Early Development (DEED), Child Nutrition Programs, announces the participation of [Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\) agencies](#) in Alaska providing meals free of charge to enrolled children without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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. These agencies receive funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) CACFP. DEED's Child Nutrition Programs staff oversee all aspects of this program.

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