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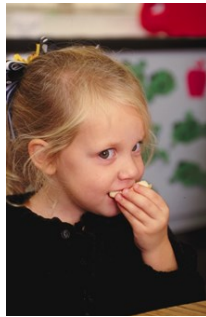
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# What is CACFP?

CACFP is the Child and Adult Care Food Program, a federally funded nutrition assistance program that plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care in the U.S. Each day, 3.2 million children receive nutritious meals and snacks through CACFP. 112,000 adults who receive care in nonresidential adult day care centers also receive meals daily.



The CACFP is administered through grants to States. The Alaska Dept. of Education & Early Development, Child Nutrition Programs administers the CACFP and has agreements with participating programs.

## What are the general responsibilities of CACFP Programs?

- Serve healthy meals that are in alignment with USDA meal patterns
- Keep daily records of participants in attendance, number of meals served, and quantities of food prepared and served as well as expenses incurred
- Follow all health and safety requirements per federal, state, and local authorities.
- Comply with all CACFP regulations and the Alaska Department of Education.

## What Facilities May Participate?

**Licensed Child Care Centers:** The agency or center(s) may be public or private non-profit, or for-profit center(s). Child care centers may be independent centers, preschool facilities, or head start programs.

**Family Day Care Homes:** Licensed or approved family or group day care home that has a signed agreement with a sponsoring organization to participate in CACFP.



**At-Risk After School Care Programs:** Public entities, including school districts, private non-

profit organizations, and for-profit centers located in low-income areas that have regularly scheduled afterschool educational or enrichment activities. Programs are open to school age children and youth through age 18 may be eligible for to receive reimbursement for a snack and/or meal daily during the school year.

**Outside School Hours Care Programs:** Programs that are either licensed or meeting the CACFP child care standards may be eligible to receive reimbursement for snacks/meals served to children Kindergarten through 12 years old during the school year.

**Emergency Shelters:** Emergency shelters providing residential and food services to children and youth experiencing homelessness.

**Adult Care Facilities:** Public, private, non-profit, and for-profit adult day care facilities that provide structured , comprehensive ser-

## How can your organization or business benefit from CACFP?

Child Care licensing requires that all licensed child care centers follow the CACFP meal patterns set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for children in their care. Participating in the CACFP is always financially beneficial due to the monthly reimbursement that programs receive for serving healthy nutritious meals!

## How is reimbursement decided?

Programs receive meal reimbursement payments after they've provided their monthly meal counts to the State. Meal reimbursement is calculated differently for each type of program.

### Child Care Centers & Outside School Hours Care Centers and Adult Day Care Centers

Reimbursed at rates based upon an adult or child's eligibility for free, reduced price, or over income meals per USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines.

### Day Care Homes

Reimbursement based upon eligibility for tier 1 rates( targets low-income areas, providers or children in care) or tier II rates (lower rates for higher income populations).

### At-Risk Afterschool Meals

Reimbursement based on area eligibility based on school data where programs receive high rates for all meals served.

### Emergency Shelters

Reimbursement for up to 3 meals a day at the high rates for all meals served.

• Please contact State agency for rates and information.

## General Meal Pattern Requirements

Ages 1-12 Years		
Breakfast	Snack (pick 2 categories)	Lunch/Supper
Milk	Milk	Milk
Fruit and/or vegetable	Fruit and/or vegetable	2 Fruits and/or vegetables
Bread or Enriched or Whole-Grains	Bread or Enriched or Whole-Grains	Bread or Enriched or Whole-Grains
	Meat or Meat Alternate	Meat or Meat Alternate