



What is the CACFP?

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is one of several United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutrition programs providing federal reimbursement to nonresidential child and adult care centers to serve nutritious meals and snacks.

USDA provides federal oversight, develops regulations and guidance to ensure federal laws are followed, and provides meal reimbursement.

The program is administered by Child Nutrition Services in the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in Olympia, Washington.

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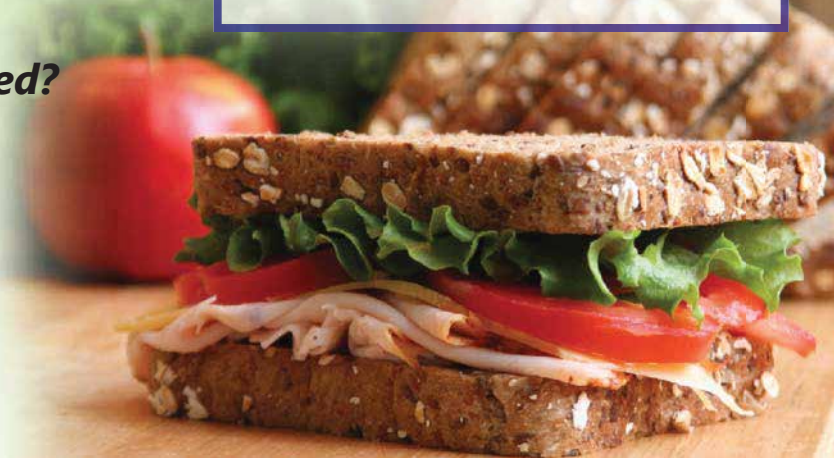
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How does the CACFP work?

The CACFP provides reimbursement for meals served to children in child care centers, family day care homes, at-risk centers, homeless shelters, and certain adult care centers. Meals must meet basic program requirements.

These federal funds help centers offset food costs while providing well-balanced, nutritious meals and snacks to enrolled participants.

How can I participate?

Child Care Center

Child care centers must be licensed by the Department of Early Learning (DEL), tribal authority, or the military.

For-profit (proprietary), licensed child care centers may participate if 25 percent of their licensed or enrolled capacity, whichever is less, are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Adult Care Center

Adult care centers may be nonprofit or, if for profit, must be receiving compensation under Title XIX for at least 25 percent of the participants. Washington State has additional eligibility requirements for participation.

Family Day Care Homes

Family day care homes must be licensed. Family day care providers in a licensed home must operate under a Family Day Care Home (FDCH) sponsoring organization.

Legally exempt unlicensed family day care providers approved by DSHS to provide relative care in the provider's home may participate under a sponsoring organization.

At-Risk Centers

At-risk centers must provide educational and enrichment activities to at-risk students in low-income areas. Only after-school snacks are eligible for reimbursement under this option. At-risk centers must meet state safety and health standards and have a current fire permit.

Homeless Shelter

Homeless shelters must be nonprofit, meet state safety and health standards, and have a current fire permit. The site must provide temporary shelter.

What must I do and why?

Federal regulations require that centers enter into an agreement with OSPI, Child Nutrition Services.

Centers must keep all or some of the following records: child and adult enrollment, free and reduced-price meal eligibility, attendance, number of meals served, and menus for meals served. Centers are financially responsible for all expenditures and incomes for this program and must operate a nonprofit food service.

How do I get reimbursed?

Federal moneys pay some of the costs to prepare and serve meals that meet the USDA meal patterns.

Centers are paid at federally published rates according to the income level of families served.

At-risk centers receive reimbursement only for after-school snacks served during the school year. All snacks are reimbursed at the free rate.

Homeless shelters are reimbursed for all meals at the free rate.

Family day care providers are paid by their FDCH sponsoring organization. Family day care providers are reimbursed based on specific eligibility guidelines.

When do I get reimbursed?

Centers submit claims for reimbursement monthly to OSPI, Child Nutrition Services. New centers may begin claiming meals for reimbursement the month OSPI approves the agreement.

Please check appropriate box

- Yes! I am interested in participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Please send the application packet to me.
- Yes! I am interested in becoming a day care home provider and need a list of available Family Day Care Home sponsoring organizations.

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