

Building for the Future

This day care facility participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks to children receiving day care.

Each day millions of children participate in CACFP at day care homes and centers across the country. Providers are reimbursed for serving nutritious meals which meet United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requirements. The program plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care and making it more affordable for low-income families.

Meals

CACFP homes and centers follow meal patterns established by USDA.

Breakfast	Lunch or Supper	Snacks (Two of the Five Groups)
Milk, 1% Fruit Vegetable Grains	Milk, 1% Meat or Meat Alternate Grains Fruit Vegetable	Milk, 1% Meat or Meat Alternate Grains Fruit Vegetable

Participating Facilities

Many different homes and centers operate CACFP and share the common goal of bringing nutritious meals and snacks to participants. Participating facilities include:

- **Child care centers**—Licensed or approved public or private nonprofit child care centers, Head Start programs, and some for-profit centers.
- **Family day care homes**—Licensed or approved private homes.
- **At-Risk Programs**—Centers in low-income areas provide free snacks to school-age children and youth.
- **Homeless shelters**—Emergency shelters provide food services to homeless children.

Eligibility

State agencies reimburse facilities that offer nonresidential day care to the following children:

- Children aged 12 and under
- Migrant children aged 15 and younger
- Youths through the age of 18 in At-Risk Programs in needy areas

Contact Information

If you have questions about CACFP, please contact one of the following:

Sponsoring Organization/Center

State Department of Education
Child Nutrition Programs
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599
405-521-3327

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