



Child and Adult Care Food Program Overview

What is the CACFP?

The CACFP is a federally funded voluntary program that helps pay for the cost of serving healthy meals and snacks to participants in qualifying facilities.

Why participate?

The CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of care for participants by providing access to nutritious foods. CACFP participation:

- Provides funding to supplement the cost of meals and snacks.
- Offers guidance in menu planning and recipe ideas.
- Provides resources and training to help programs serve healthy meals and snacks.

What types of meals are served?

Participating facilities may serve breakfast, lunch, supper and/or snacks. All meals and snacks must meet CACFP meal pattern requirements.



What facilities may participate?

CHILD CARE CENTERS

Eligible licensed child care centers and Head Start programs that serve meals and/or snacks to infants and children through age 12 can be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal per child, per day.

FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES (FDCH)

Licensed or certified family day care home providers with infants and/or children through age 12 may be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal per child, per day. Day care homes participate through an approved Family Daycare Home Sponsoring Organization.

AT-RISK AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMS

At-Risk programs offer afterschool enrichment activities and may claim one meal and/or one snack served to participants through age 18 after school or on days off of school during the regular school year. To qualify, facilities must be located in an area where at least 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE CENTERS (OSHCC)

OSHCC programs are organized for the purpose of providing child care services to children ages 12 and under during hours outside of school. An OSHCC can run year round and may be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack, or two snacks and one meal per child, per day.

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EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Eligible emergency shelters that offer meals to homeless youth and children through the age of 18 may be reimbursed for up to three meals per eligible resident per day.

ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS

Eligible licensed or certified Adult Day Care Centers that provide structured, comprehensive services to nonresidential adults age 60 years and older or adults age 18 and older with a functional impairment may be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal per eligible adult per day.



How to participate:

In Wisconsin, the CACFP is administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). For additional information, call (608) 267-9129 or visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp/join-cacfp>

If you are a FDCH provider, visit the Wisconsin CACFP Sponsors Forum to contact the Family Daycare Home Sponsoring Organization located in your area: <http://www.foodprogramwi.org/>.

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