

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Child Care Component Information Sheet

What is the Child Care Component of the CACFP?

Since 1968, the CACFP has provided cash reimbursement to help provide nutritious meals to children enrolled in nonresidential child care centers or day care homes throughout the country. CACFP is authorized in Section 17 of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766). Program regulations are issued by the USDA under 7 CFR Part 226.

Which Centers can participate under the Child Care Component?

Public, private nonprofit, or eligible for-profit child care centers, Head Start programs, and other institutions which are licensed or approved to provide day care services may participate in CACFP, independently or as sponsored centers. For profit centers must receive Title XX funds for at least 25 percent of their enrolled children (licensed capacity or enrollment, whichever is lower), or at least 25 percent of the children they serve must be eligible for free and reduced meals.

Who Benefits?

- Children age 12 and under;
- Persons of any age who have one or more disabilities, as determined by the State, and who are enrolled in an agency or child care facility serving a majority of persons who are age 18 and under; and
- Migrant children age 15 and under.

Meal Service

- All participating sites must serve meals and/or snacks which meet the CACFP meal pattern requirements, as specified in Program regulations.
[Guidance Memorandum 12C: CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements](#)
- Reimbursable meals may include breakfast, lunch, supper, and snacks. Centers may only receive reimbursement for up to two meals and one snack or one meal and two snacks for each enrolled eligible participant each day.

Reimbursement

CACFP payments are based on the number of compliant meals served to enrolled children multiplied by the appropriate rate of reimbursement. The rate of reimbursement varies according to the number of children reported in the eligibility categories of Free, Reduced, and Non-need.

The rates of reimbursement effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 are listed below.

	Breakfast	Lunch/Supper*	Snack
Non-Needy	\$.29	\$.30	\$.07
Reduced	\$1.41	\$2.76	\$.43
Free	\$1.71	\$3.16	\$.86

***Cash-in-Lieu of USDA Foods (formerly known as Commodities) - A cash reimbursement of \$0.2300 for each lunch or supper claimed is paid in addition to the Program meal reimbursement.**

- Meals and snacks must be served without charge unless the agency implements the Pricing Program Addendum as part of its CACFP contract.
- Sites cannot receive reimbursement for meals served to adults or non-enrolled children.

Administering Agency

In Wisconsin, the CACFP Child Care component is administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). For additional information call (608) 267-9129 or visit:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp/child-care>.

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