

# ***Building For the Future***

This facility participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a Federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks to children receiving child care, participating in afterschool programs, or residing in homeless shelters.

Each day, more than 2.6 million children participate in the CACFP across the country. Participating facilities are reimbursed for serving nutritious meals which meet USDA requirements. The program plays a vital role in improving the quality of child care, afterschool programs, and homeless shelters, and making it more affordable for low-income families.

**Meals** Participating facilities must follow meal requirements established by USDA.

Breakfast	Lunch or Supper	Snacks (Two of the five groups: )
Milk Fruit or Vegetable Grains Meat or meat alternate (in place of entire grain max of 3 times/week)	Milk Meat or meat alternate Grains Fruit Vegetable	Milk Meat or meat alternate Grains Fruit Vegetable

## Participating

**Facilities** Many different facilities 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 certified private homes.
- **Afterschool Programs:** Centers in low-income areas provide free meals and snacks to school-age children and youth.
- **Homeless Shelters:** Emergency shelters provide food services to homeless children.

**Eligibility** State agencies reimburse facilities that offer services to the following participants:

- children age 12 and under,
- migrant children age 15 and younger, and
- youths through age 18 in afterschool programs in needy areas and homeless shelters.

## Contact

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

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