

# 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 more than 2.6 million children participate in CACFP at day care homes and centers across the country. Providers are reimbursed for serving nutritious meals which meet 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 requirements established by USDA.

Breakfast	Lunch or Supper	Snacks (Two of the four)
Milk Fruit or Vegetable Grains or Bread	Milk Meat or meat alternate Grains or bread Two different servings of or vegetables	Milk Meat or meal alternate Grains or bread Fruit or 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, HeadStart programs, and some for-profit centers.
- Family Day Care Homes: Licensed or approved private homes.
- Afterschool Care 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 non-residential day care to the following children: children age 12 and under, migrant children age 15 and younger, and youths through age 18 in afterschool care programs in needy areas.

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

Sponsoring Organization/Center

The Children's Center  
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