

Good Nutrition Pays

in Day Care Homes

CACFP

Child and Adult Care Food Program



What is the **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**?

- Federally funded program designed to provide funds to help day care homes serve nutritious meals and snacks to young children in care.
- Part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the same office that administers the National School Lunch Program.
- Day care homes participate in the CACFP under the sponsorship of a home sponsoring organization.

There is **NO COST** to participate.

What are the **benefits**?

- Receive reimbursement to supplement the cost of healthy meals and snacks.
- Participation in CACFP is a key indicator of high-quality child care.
- Children are getting the right foods they need to develop and learn.
- Young children learn healthy eating habits.
- Guidance on menu planning and recipe ideas.
- Free training on child nutrition topics which count toward Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) training requirements.

What are the **program requirements**?

- Be licensed by KDHE or a branch of the military.
- Be located in a private residence.
- Serve meals and snacks that meet the requirements of the CACFP meal patterns. Meal requirements are simple and allow for a variety of foods, including ethnic and cultural foods.
- Keep daily menus and accurate meal count and daily attendance records.
- Maintain enrollment documentation on each child in care.

How does the **money work**?

- A provider's monthly reimbursement is based on the number of meals and snacks served and the number of children eating.
- Eligible homes may be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal per day per child.

Home Sponsoring Organizations in Kansas

- Day care homes participate in the CACFP under the sponsorship of a home sponsoring organization.
- Sponsoring organizations contract with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to serve as sponsors for family child care homes.
- Sponsoring organizations can serve state-wide.
- All sponsoring organizations must follow the same USDA rules and regulations and provide reimbursement to providers according to USDA regulated reimbursement amounts.

Choosing a sponsor

- Contact sponsoring organizations to learn about:
 - various training opportunities including training locations
 - record keeping options (paper and/or electronic)
 - reimbursement methods (electronic deposit vs paper checks).
- Day care homes may only transfer between sponsoring organizations one time per 12-month period.

Sponsoring Organizations for Family Child Care Homes



Child Care Links
Hutchinson, KS
(620) 669-0291
childcarelinks@sbcglobal.net

Child Nutrition Services
Washington, KS
(785) 325-2642
cnsfoodlady@bluevalley.net

Children's Nutrition Services
Fredonia, KS
(620) 378-4840
cnsi_@embarqmail.com

Day Care Connection
Lenexa, KS
(913) 529-1200
daycaredcc@earthlink.net

Dodge City Community College
Dodge City, KS
(620) 227-9222
cneuschafer@dc3.edu

Douglas County Child Development Association
Lawrence, KS
(785) 842-9679
anna@positivebrightstart.org

First Choice Support Services
Salina, KS
(785) 823-3555
firstchoice@ruraltel.net

Providers Premier Choice of SEK, Inc.
Fredonia, KS
(620) 378-2481
myfoodprogram@embarqmail.com

The Family Conservancy
Kansas City, KS
(913) 742-4139
kbender@thefamilyconservancy.org

JC Family Home Association
Junction City, KS
(785) 762-2424
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Martin Luther King Jr CACFP
Salina, KS
(785) 827-5808
(877) 527-5808
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Nutrition Plus
Winfield, KS
(620) 221-2777
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Quality Care Services
El Dorado, KS
(316) 321-7237
(800) 273-1341
qltyser@sbcglobal.net

Russell Child Development Center
Garden City, KS
(620) 275-0291 ext. 109
cacfp@rcdc4kids.org

Salina Child Care Association
Salina, KS
(785) 827-6431
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Sunshine Connections
Hays, KS
(785) 625-2093
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