

## What is required for CACFP participation?

To be eligible to participate in the CACFP a center must:

- be a public entity, **or**
- have tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, **or**
- meet the requirements for a for-profit center. For-profit child care centers are eligible if 25% or more of enrolled participants or 25% of the license capacity are receiving SRS child care subsidies or are low-income children. For-profit adult day care centers are eligible if the center meets the 25% rule with Medicaid beneficiaries.

In addition, a child care center must be licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). An adult care center must be licensed by KDHE or SRS. Emergency shelters and domestic violence shelters must have health and safety inspection certificates.

To be approved for participation, a center must submit a complete application packet and attend the required pre-approval training.



## How does the CACFP work?

CACFP partially reimburses participating centers for serving nutritious meals. The program is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Child Nutrition & Wellness at the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) administers CACFP in Kansas. Child Nutrition & Wellness approves independent centers and sponsoring organizations to operate the program at the local level. The state also monitors the program and provides training and assistance to ensure successful participation in CACFP.



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## Child Care Centers



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### What is the CACFP?

CACFP is the Child and Adult Care Food Program, a Federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks to children and adults receiving day care.

Each day more than 56,000 children participate in the CACFP in Kansas. The program plays a vital role in improving the quality of child care.

In addition to child care, CACFP helps make after school programs more appealing to youth. By offering nutritious snacks in programs serving low-income areas, centers can increase participation and assure that youth receive a healthy snack.

Children from emergency shelters and temporarily displaced homes may also participate in CACFP.

### What meals may be served?

CACFP facilities follow the meal patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- **Breakfast** consists of a serving of milk, fruit or vegetable, and bread/grain.
- **Lunch** and **Dinner** require milk, meat or meat alternate, two different servings of fruits or vegetables, and a bread/grain.
- **Snacks** include two different servings of the four components: milk, meat or meat alternate, fruit or vegetable, or bread/grain.

### Who is eligible?

- Children age 12 and under
- Migrant children age 15 and younger
- Youths through age 18 in the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program and in Emergency Shelters
- Functionally impaired children through age 18 in child care centers



### What is the reimbursement?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture bases CACFP reimbursement for centers on three categories: free, reduced price, and paid.

### What types of sites can participate?

Many different agencies operate CACFP various sites:

- **Child Care Centers:** Licensed nonprofit child care centers, Head Start programs, and some for-profit centers serve meals and snacks to children who are enrolled for care.
- **After School Care Sites:** Centers provide after school care programs and snacks to school age children and youth.
- **Emergency Shelters:** Emergency shelters provide temporary residence and food service to children.