Good Nutrition Pays in Day Care Homes

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.

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.

There is NO COST to participate.
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
  CACFP@childcarelink.org

- **Child Nutrition Services**
  Washington, KS
  (785) 325-2642
  cnsfoodlady@gmail.com

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

- **Day Care Connection**
  Lenexa, KS
  (913) 529-1200
  kelly@daycareconnection.org

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

- **First Choice Support Services**
  Salina, KS
  (785) 823-3555
  firstchoice3555@gmail.com

- **Providers Premier Choice of SEK, Inc.**
  Fredonia, KS
  (620) 378-2481
  ppcsekcacfp@gmail.com

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

- **JC Family Home Association**
  Junction City, KS
  (785) 307-4370
  jcfha5@gmail.com

- **Martin Luther King Jr CACFP**
  Salina, KS
  (785) 827-5808
  (877) 527-5808
  mlkjacfp@kans.com

- **Nutrition Plus**
  Winfield, KS
  (620) 221-2777
  roark2@cox.net

- **Quality Care Services**
  El Dorado, KS
  (316) 321-7237
  qflyser@sbcglobal.net

- **Russell Child Development**
  Garden City, KS
  (620) 275-6399
  cneuschafer@ccdc4kids.org

- **Salina Child Care Association**
  Salina, KS
  (785) 827-6431
  sccacacfp@gmail.com

- **Sunshine Connections**
  Hays, KS
  (800) 569-4410
  sunshinecon@eaglecom.net

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