

## **Child and Adult Care Food Program For Family Child Care Homes**

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides funds to help family child care homes and child care centers serve nutritious meals and snacks to young children. The CACFP is a U.S. Department of Agriculture program administered through the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Family child care homes participate in the program under the sponsorship of any of the nine organizations listed on the other side of this page.

Family child care homes that participate in the CACFP contribute to high quality child care by serving nutritious meals to children in care. Children who are well-nourished are sick less often, learn more effectively, and behave better. Parents are happy to know their children are getting the right foods they need to develop and learn.

### **CACFP Reimbursement Rates**

The rates of reimbursement received by a family child care home depend on the geographic area where the home is located. Rates of reimbursement for July 2008 through June 2009 are:

	Higher rate (Tier 1)	Lower rate (Tier 2)
Breakfast	\$1.17	\$ .43
Lunch/Supper	\$2.18	\$1.31
Snack	\$ .65	\$ .18

If a family child care home doesn't qualify for Tier 1 reimbursement rates based on geographic area, the home may still qualify for Tier 1 reimbursement for some meals based on the household incomes of enrolled families or the household income of the family child care provider.

### **Program Requirements**

The main program requirements are:

- Serve high-quality meals that meet USDA nutritional requirements.
- Count and request payment for meals served to enrolled, eligible children (up to a maximum of two meals and one snack, or one meal and two snacks, served per child per day).
- Keep accurate records on meals served and children present.
- Send in monthly records on time to the sponsoring organization.

A family child care home's CACFP sponsoring organization provides training and helps the family child care home understand program rules.

### **How to Apply**

A family child care home participates in the CACFP through an agreement with any one of the nine Minnesota nonprofit organizations listed on the other side of this page. Contact any of the organizations that serve your county for more information. The list shows the counties served by each sponsoring organization.

In the following two situations, a family child care home does not qualify to participate in the family child care component of the CACFP but may apply directly to MDE to participate in the CACFP under the rules for childcare centers:

- (1) The home is licensed to a church or an employer, or
- (2) The licensed location is not a home, that is, the family childcare operation is located in a church, employer, or other non-home setting.

If a family child care home falls into either of these two categories, MDE Food and Nutrition Service may be contacted directly at 651-582-8526, 800-366-8922, or e-mailed at [fnns@state.mn.us](mailto:fnns@state.mn.us), about how to apply for CACFP participation under the rules for childcare centers.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, organizations that participate in CACFP are prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY).

## Minnesota CACFP Family Child Care Home Sponsors

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Child Care & Nutrition, Inc. 324 North Norman Street P.O. Box 138 Ivanhoe, MN 56142-0138 Web site: <a href="http://www.childcarenutrition.com">www.childcarenutrition.com</a> ; E-mail: <a href="mailto:ccnikids@frontiernet.net">ccnikids@frontiernet.net</a>	507/694-1499	800/634-3359 <i>Serving all counties except Cook, Lake and St. Louis</i>
Child Care Choices, Inc. 2901 Clearwater Road St. Cloud, MN 56301 Web site: <a href="http://www.childcarechoices.net">www.childcarechoices.net</a> ; E-mail: <a href="mailto:providercare@childcarechoices.net">providercare@childcarechoices.net</a>	320/251-5081	800/288-8549 <i>Serving Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Big Stone, Carlton, Cass, Chippewa, Chisago, Clay, Clearwater, Cook, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Koochiching, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Renville, Roseau, Sherburne, St. Louis, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, Wright and Yellow Medicine counties</i>
Child Care Resource & Referral, Inc. 126 Woodlake Drive SE Rochester, MN 55904-5533 Web site: <a href="http://www.c2r2.org">www.c2r2.org</a> ; E-mail: <a href="mailto:claims@c2r2.org">claims@c2r2.org</a>	507/287-2020	800/462-1660 <i>Serving Blue Earth, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, LeSueur, Martin, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Rice, Scott, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca and Winona counties</i>
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