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.

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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, Head Start 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 the following Child Care Sponsor:

State Agency  Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Office for Nutrition, Health and Safety Programs
75 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA  02148-4906
781-338-6499

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