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Montana Child and Adult Care Food Program

A Best Beginnings Program of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services



Montana's Early Childhood Services Bureau improves the quality, affordability and accessibility of child care in Montana, with a focus on coordinated systems to best meet the needs of young children, their families, and the professionals who work on behalf of young children and families.



How Does the CACFP Work?

The CACFP is a Federal program operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service. In Montana, the Department of Public Health and Human Services is the administering State agency. The program serves all counties and all Indian Reservations in Montana. The State agency approves centers to participate; family and group day care homes participate in the program with the assistance of Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes.

Meals served must meet certain nutritional criteria. Meal reimbursement rates are based on Federal income guidelines and on the participant's eligibility for free, reduced price, or paid meals.

The CACFP supports children through nutritious food and family style meals. Good nutrition supports child health.

The CACFP supports child care businesses by providing assistance with recipes, menu development, food purchasing, staff training, monthly meal reimbursement, examples of best practice for the feeding of children, and technical assistance for food service operations. Successful food service management improves the quality of care to children. Parents look for delicious and nutritious meals, clean kitchens, and pleasant eating area when choosing child care.



WHO QUALIFIES?

Registered family and group day care homes, licensed child care centers, Head Start programs, after school programs, adult day care centers, and homeless shelters are eligible to participate in the CACFP. Other facilities are encouraged to inquire.

WHAT DO PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE?

- ◆ Monthly meal reimbursements with direct deposit option
- ◆ On-line claim submission and recordkeeping
- ◆ Nutrition training
- ◆ CACFP program management training
- ◆ Networking opportunities with child care professionals

All trainings are approved by the Early Childhood Project and are offered at no cost to participants.



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SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS OF DAY CARE HOMES

- ◆ Billings Child Care Association
800-314-2773
- ◆ Butte 4C's 800-794-4061
- ◆ Child Care Connections (Bozeman)
800-962-0418
- ◆ Child Care Partnerships (Helena)
888-244-5368
- ◆ Child Care Resources (Missoula)
800-728-6446
- ◆ District 7 HRDC (Billings)
800-433-1411
- ◆ Great Falls Day Care Association
406-761-7678
- ◆ Hi-Line Home Programs (Glasgow)
800-659-3673
- ◆ The Nurturing Center (Kalispell)
800-204-0644
- ◆ Willow Creek Nutrition Program (Helena)
406-431-4417

Family and Group Day Care Homes may contact any of the Sponsoring Organizations listed above with questions or to apply for the program. All other facilities please contact the State agency.