

Child and Adult Care Food Program for Family Day Care Homes

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides funds to help family day care homes and child care centers serve nutritious meals and snacks to young children. The CACFP is a U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program administered through the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Family day care homes participate in the program under the sponsorship of any of eight Minnesota nonprofit organizations. Family day care providers that participate in the CACFP contribute to high quality child care by serving nutritious meals to children in their 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 day care home depend on the geographic area where the home is located. The rates of reimbursement for July 2013 through June 2014 are:

	Higher rate (Tier I)	Lower rate (Tier II)
Breakfast	\$1.28	\$0.47
Lunch/Supper	\$2.40	\$1.45
Snack	\$0.71	\$0.19

If a family day care home does not 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 day 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 day care home's CACFP sponsoring organization provides training and helps the family day care home understand program rules.

How to Apply

A family day care home participates in the CACFP through an agreement with one of the eight Minnesota nonprofit sponsoring organizations listed below. The contact information lists the counties that are served by each sponsoring organization.

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

- (1) The home is licensed to a church or an employer, or
- (2) The licensed location is not a home.

In these two situations, contact MDE Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) about how to apply to FNS for participation in the CACFP as a child care center.

Minnesota Department of Education
Food and Nutrition Service
651-582-8526
1-800-366-8922 (MN Toll-free)
mde.fns@state.mn.us.

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Minnesota CACFP Family Day Care Home Sponsors

Sponsor Contact Information	Service Area
Adults & Childrens Alliance, Inc. 2885 Country Drive, Suite #165 St. Paul, MN 55117-2621 651-481-9320 or 800-433-8108 Website: www.acainc.org E-mail: cacfp@acainc.org	All counties
Child Care & Nutrition, Inc. 324 North Norman Street P.O. Box 138 Ivanhoe, MN 56142-0138 507-694-1499 or 800-634-3359 Website: www.childcarenutrition.com E-mail: ccnikids@mediacommb.net	All counties except Cook, Lake and St. Louis
Child Care Choices, Inc. 2901 Clearwater Road St. Cloud, MN 56301 320-251-5081 or 800-288-8549 Website: www.childcarechoices.net E-mail: providercare@childcarechoices.net	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, Mahnomen, 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
Child Care Resource & Referral, Inc. 126 Woodlake Drive SE Rochester, MN 55904-5533 507-287-2020 or 800-462-1660 Website: www.c2r2.org E-mail: claims@c2r2.org	Blue Earth, Brown, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Le Sueur, Martin, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Rice, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Watonwan and Winona counties
Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association, Inc. 1821 University Avenue West, Suite 324 South St. Paul, MN 55104 651-636-1989 or 800-652-9704 Website: www.mlfcca.org E-mail: info@mlfcca.org	All counties

Sponsor Contact Information	Service Area
Parent Provider Connection, Inc. 560 Dunnell Drive, Suite #207 Owatonna, MN 55060 507-455-2560 or 877-455-2560 Website: www.parentprovider.org E-mail: resource@parentprovider.org	Blue Earth, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Rice, Scott, Steele and Waseca counties
Prime Providers, Inc. 215 Aspen Avenue SW P.O. Box 249 Menahga, MN 56464 218-564-4711 or 800-541-4090 Website: www.primeproviders.org E-mail: lindaprimepro@wcta.net	Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Carlton, Cass, Chisago, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hennepin, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Koochiching, Lake, Mahnommen, Marshall, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Pope, Ramsey, Red Lake, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, St. Louis, Swift, Todd, Wadena, Wilkin, and Wright counties
Providers Choice 10901 Red Circle Drive – #100, Inc. Minnetonka, MN 55343-9304 952-944-7010 or 800-356-5983 Website: www.providerschoice.com E-mail: provider@providerschoice.com	Serving all counties

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