Family, Friend and Neighbor Care Webinar Series

The Child and Adult Care Food Program Supports Good Nutrition and Early Learning in Family, Friend and Neighbor Care

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Overview

• The Role and Value of CACFP

• Opportunities for Action: Using CACFP as a resource to support good nutrition and early learning in family, friend and neighbor care.
What is the Child and Adult Care Food Program?

- Federal Food Program
- Entitlement Program
CACFP

Last Year:
640,000,000
Meals and Snacks Served

$700,000,000
Distributed
U.S. Department of Agriculture
↓
State CACFP Agency
↓
Sponsoring Organizations
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Family Child Care Homes
↓
Children
CACFP
Sponsoring Organizations

Friendly Bridge Between State Agency and Family Child Care Homes

Sponsor Homes in CACFP
CACFP Provides

• Nutrition Standards

• Reimbursements for Meals and Snacks
  – Up to $3.61 Per Child Each Day -- $75 Per Month.

• Training and Technical Assistance
  – Three In-Home Visits Each Year.

• Home Monitoring and Support
Opportunities For Action
State Level

Extend CACFP eligibility to family, friend and neighbor care.

Options:
CACFP Alternate Approval
1) Subsidy Standards
2) State CACFP Standards
State Models

- Illinois
- New York
- Arizona
Opportunities for Action
State & Local Level
Connect Your Partners and CACFP

- Outreach, Promotion and Encouragement
- Increasing Coordination
- Decreasing Barriers to Participation
Key CACFP Partners

Local:
CACFP Sponsoring Organizations

State:
CACFP State Agency
Connect Your Partners and CACFP

Key Partners

Family Friend and Neighbor Providers Initiatives
Key Partners

- Child Care Coalitions
- Immigrant Groups/Associations
- Local Agencies:
  - Child Care Subsidy Agency
  - TANF Office
  - WIC Clinics
Connect Your Partners and CACFP

Outreach, Promotion and Encouragement

• Distribute CACFP Flyers
• Promote Advantages of Participation
• Invite CACFP Sponsors to give a Nutrition Presentation
Encourage CACFP to help with outreach for child care quality initiatives:

CACFP Can

• Promote in CACFP Newsletters
• Distribute Materials
• Cross Referrals

Connect Your Partners and CACFP
Increasing Coordination
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Reducing Barriers to Participation

Encourage sponsors to use CACFP Expansion Funds to help family, friend and neighbor care in low-income and rural areas become licensed.
Goal: To maximize the use of CACFP as a support for children, families, child care providers, and communities.

The project has a special focus on expanding CACFP access for family, friend and neighbor care.

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