

# Early Childhood Education and Care Department

**Family Nutrition Bureau  
USDA Child Nutrition Programs**



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# Child and Adult Care Food Program- CACFP

- A federal child nutrition reimbursement program funded by USDA
  - ◆ Provides monthly payment for meals served to children while they are in childcare
  - ◆ Helps with food expenses based on fixed rates per meal or snack served



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# Family Child Care Home Provider Eligibility

- The program is for regulated child care providers
  - ◆ Must have at least 1 non-resident child
- Family childcare homes are sponsored by a local agency



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# Become a CACFP Participant

- ◆ Home providers participate with a sponsoring organization
  - A Local, Non-profit, Community based agency engaged in community building activities.
  - Sponsors have an agreement with the state agency
  - Providers have agreements with sponsors



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# The Role of Sponsoring Organization Staff

- Monitor program participation
  - ◆ Many monitors have backgrounds in childcare and often have had their own family childcare home
  - ◆ Monitors come to your home to observe and assist
  - ◆ Work with family childcare providers to support program participation



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# Required Documentation

FORM	PURPOSE
Menu forms and Attendance/meal count forms	Provided by your sponsor at no charge
Meal count sheets	Captures information on each child and the meals served
Attendance records	Documents the child's presence at the program
Enrollment forms	Verifies child is currently enrolled in your child care
Menu forms	Document the food items served.



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## Benefits of participating in CACFP

- Financial compensation, paid directly to you
- Children receive healthy, nutritious, balanced meals.
- Local resources and staff to work with, relate to and answer your questions in person.



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# Benefits of participating in CACFP

- Assistance with special dietary needs from nutritionists & dieticians if needed
- Recognized indicator of quality care
- Reassurance for parents
- Menu ideas, Technical assistance, support and more.....



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# Partner with CACFP Today!

- Contact program manager at:  
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505-699-2607 – El habla Espanol
- Contact the Family Nutrition Bureau at
  - ◆ <https://www.nmeccd.org/family-nutrition-staff/>
  - ◆ 1-800-EAT COOL or 1-800-328-2665



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