# Good Nutrition Pays in Day Care Homes

**CACFP**
Child and Adult Care Food Program

## What is the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?
- Federally funded program designed to provide funds to help day care homes serve nutritious meals and snacks to young children in care.
- Part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the same office that administers the National School Lunch Program.

## What are the benefits?
- Receive reimbursement to supplement the cost of healthy meals and snacks.
- Participation in CACFP is a key indicator of high-quality child care.
- Children are getting the right foods they need to develop and learn.
- Young children learn healthy eating habits.
- Guidance on menu planning and recipe ideas.
- Free training on child nutrition topics which count toward Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) training requirements.

## What are the program requirements?
- Be licensed by KDHE or a branch of the military.
- Be located in a private residence.
- Serve meals and snacks that meet the requirements of the CACFP meal patterns. Meal requirements are simple and allow for a variety of foods, including ethnic and cultural foods.
- Keep daily menus and accurate meal count and daily attendance records.
- Maintain enrollment documentation on each child in care.

## How does the money work?
- A provider’s monthly reimbursement is based on the number of meals and snacks served and the number of children eating.
- Eligible homes may be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal per day per child.

There is **NO COST to participate.**

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Home Sponsoring Organizations in Kansas

- Day care homes participate in the CACFP under the sponsorship of a home sponsoring organization.
- Sponsoring organizations contract with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to serve as sponsors for family child care homes.
- Sponsoring organizations can serve state-wide.
- All sponsoring organizations must follow the same USDA rules and regulations and provide reimbursement to providers according to USDA regulated reimbursement amounts.

Choosing a sponsor

- Contact sponsoring organizations to learn about:
  - various training opportunities including training locations
  - record keeping options (paper and/or electronic)
  - reimbursement methods (electronic deposit vs paper checks).
- Day care homes may only transfer between sponsoring organizations one time per 12-month period.

Sponsoring Organizations for Family Child Care Homes

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