Reply to
Attn. of: CACFP-440

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Subject: Licensing of Even Start Programs In the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado DPHE, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH.
(Child Nutrition Programs) Montana DPHHS, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

This memorandum is in response to a recent inquiry regarding licensing for Even Start Programs. Even Start Programs must be licensed if they are to participate in the CACFP. These Programs are not directly federally administered as Head Start Programs are. Rather, the Even Start Program is administered by each State Department of Education. However, if an Even Start Program is directly administered by a school district, school board, or a school, a license is not required if it is exempted by State and/or local authorities as explained in CACFP-258, dated October 2, 1991.

If you need clarification on this policy, please contact a member of my staff at (303) 844-0359.

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