Building For the Future

This childcare facility participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks to children receiving day care.

Each day millions of children participate in CACFP at childcare homes and centers across the country. Providers are reimbursed for serving nutritious meals which meet USDA requirements. The program plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care and making it more affordable for low-income families.

Meals

CACFP homes and centers follow meal requirements established by USDA.

Breakfast	Lunch or Supper	Snacks (Two of the five components)
Milk Fruit OR Vegetable Grains or Bread* *Meat/Meat Alternate may replace entire grain up to 3x/week	Milk Meat or meat alternate Grains or bread Vegetable AND Fruit or Second Vegetable (If serving two vegetables they must be different foods)	Milk Meat or meat alternate Grains or bread Fruit Vegetable

Participating

Facilities Many different homes and centers operate CACFP and share the common goal of bringing nutritious meals and snacks to participants. Participating facilities include:

- Child Care Centers: Licensed or approved public or private nonprofit childcare centers, Head Start programs, and some for-profit centers.
- Family Child Care Homes: Licensed private homes.
- After School Care Programs: Centers in low-income areas provide free snack and/or meal to school-age children and youth.
- Emergency Shelters: Programs providing meals to homeless children.

Eligibility State agencies reimburse facilities that offer non-residential day care to the following children:

- Children aged 12 and under,
- Migrant children aged 15 and younger, and
- Youths through 18 in emergency shelters and after school care programs in needy areas.

Contact If you have questions about CACFP, please contact one of the following:

Information

Sponsoring Organization/Center C

Ohio Department of Education

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