

**Child and Adult Care Food Program
Parent Letter – Non-Pricing Child Care Centers
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017**

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Our center is currently participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This program reimburses the center for the partial cost of meals provided to children and allows the center to provide nutritious meals without increasing the center's fees to you. If your yearly income is equal to or below the amount listed for your family size on the chart below, your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals. If the income is higher than the amount listed for your family size, you do not need to complete the income application.

Family Size	Yearly Income	Family Size	Yearly Income
1	\$21,978	5	\$52,614
2	\$29,637	6	\$60,273
3	\$37,296	7	\$67,951
4	\$44,955	8	\$75,647
For each additional Family Member, add			+\$7,696

To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits for your children, you must complete the attached Income Eligibility Form (IEF). Your application for free or reduced-price meal benefits cannot be approved unless the attached application is completed according to the directions provided; however you are not required to complete the IEF. Notify the center should the household income decrease and/or if the household size increases. A participant may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. The application is valid until the last day of the month in which the form was approved/dated/signed one year earlier.

Sincerely,

Center owner/director

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
 BUREAU OF COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
 CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS

To apply for free or reduced-price meal eligibility benefits for your child(ren), please fill out this form and return it to the child care center.

PART 1 CHILDREN ENROLLED AT THE CHILD CARE CENTER

Complete information below for children enrolled at the center. If child(ren) are receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp) or Temporary Assistance (formerly AFDC, now funded by TANF), complete Parts 1, 3, and 4 only. Complete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 if you did not provide a SNAP case number or Temporary Assistance case number for all of the children listed in Part 1.

NAME (first and last)	FOSTER CHILD	BIRTH DATE	SNAP CASE NUMBER	TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE CASE NUMBER

PART 2 HOUSEHOLD AND INCOME INFORMATION

List all members of the household not including the children listed in Part 1. Indicate source and amount of current monthly gross income for all members of the household before deductions, such as taxes and social security. Where there are wage earners and self-employed adults, the income of the wage earner cannot be offset by the business losses of the self-employed adult. If last month's income does not accurately reflect your circumstances, you may provide a projection of your current annual income. Irregular self-employed income may be averaged over the prior 12 months. Foster children may be eligible regardless of household income. Contact the center for more information.

INCOME BASED ON (CHECK ONE)	YEARLY	MONTHLY	2 X A MONTH	EVERY 2 WEEKS	WEEKLY
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	GROSS WAGES	WELFARE, CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY	PENSIONS, RETIREMENT, SOCIAL SECURITY	OTHER	

PART 3 RACIAL ETHNIC INFORMATION (You are not required to answer this section)

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin? YES NO

What is your race? (Select one or more)

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	ASIAN	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	WHITE
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PART 4 SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that all information provided is correct. I understand that this information is being given in connection with the receipt of federal funds, that institution officials may verify information, and that deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

SIGNATURE OF ADULT FAMILY MEMBER	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (LAST 4 DIGITS ONLY)	DATE
PRINTED NAME OF ADULT	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER

Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act requires that, unless your children's SNAP or Temporary Assistance case number is provided, you must include the last four digits of a social security number of the adult household member signing the application or indicate that the household member signing the application does not possess a social security number. Provision of the last four digits of a social security number is not mandatory, but if the last four digits of a social security number are not provided or an indication is not made that the signer has none, the application cannot be approved. The social security number may be used to identify the household member in carrying out efforts to verify the accuracy of information stated on the application. These verification efforts may be carried out through program reviews and investigations, and may include contacting employers to determine income, contacting a SNAP or welfare office to determine current certification for receipt of SNAP or Temporary Assistance benefits, contacting the State employment security office to determine the amount of benefits received and checking the documentation produced by the household member to provide the amount of income received. These efforts may result in a loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims, or legal actions if incorrect information is reported.

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TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE:	INCOME:	INCOME BASED ON (CHECK ONE):						SNAP (Food Stamp)	TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE
		YEAR	MONTH	2 X A MONTH	EVERY 2 WEEKS	WEEKLY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Eligibility Determination: <input type="checkbox"/> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> Paid									
SIGNATURE OF CENTER REPRESENTATIVE							DATE		

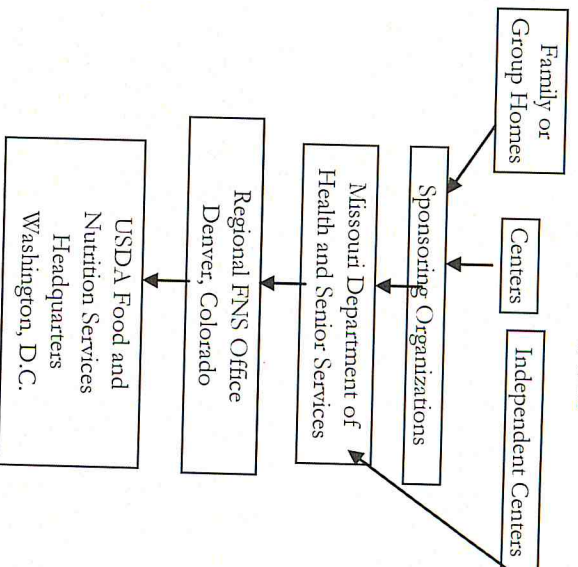
How does CACFP work?

CACFP reimburses participating centers and child care homes for serving nutritious meals. CACFP is administered at the federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) administers the CACFP. MDHSS approves sponsoring organizations and independent centers to operate the program on the local level. MDHSS also monitors the program and provides guidance and assistance to assure that sponsors and centers are meeting requirements.

Sponsoring organizations play a critical role in supporting home child care providers and centers, through training, technical assistance, and monitoring. All family or group child care homes must participate through a sponsoring organization. Several types of organizations can be approved to serve as sponsors, e.g., community action groups, nonprofit organizations and churches.

CACFP Network



If you are interested in the CACFP, or have questions about the Program, call 1-800-733-6251 or access our website at www.health.mo.gov/cacfp

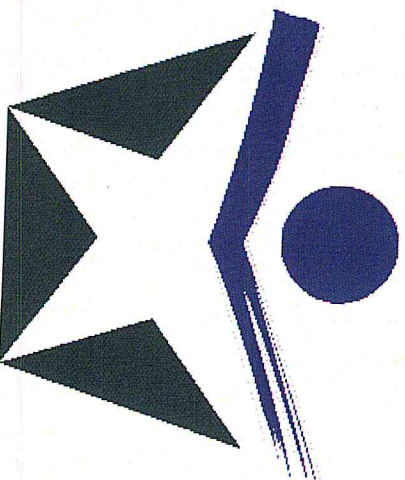
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Alternate forms of this publication for persons with disabilities may be obtained by contacting the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (800) 733-6251 (voice). TDD users can access the preceding number by calling (800) 735-2966. EEO/AAE services are provided on a non-discriminatory basis.

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