

Child Care Providers Can Fill More Plates with CACFP



The **Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP)** provides funding to help child care providers serve healthy meals and snacks to children in their care. CACFP is federally funded, and administered by the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH).

Who is Eligible

Most daycare home providers are eligible, including:

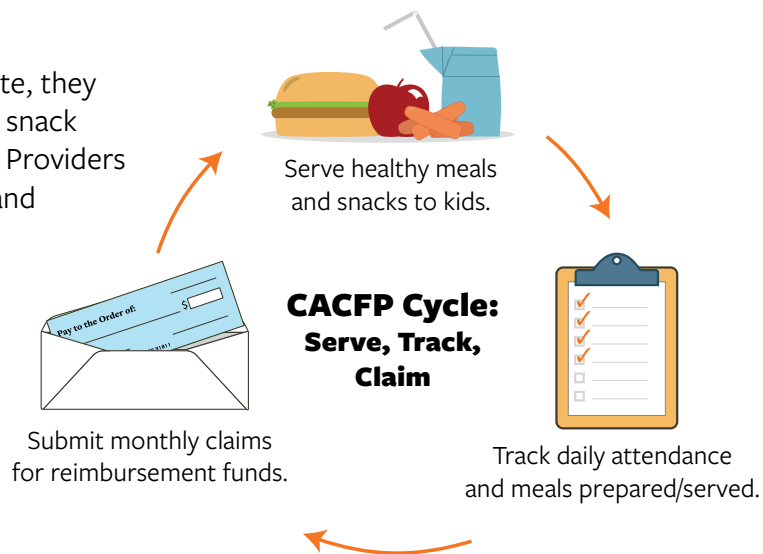


- Registered family day care providers
- Licensed group family day care providers
- Legally exempt or informal providers that receive child care payments from a county or city agency

CACFP is also available to eligible child care centers and afterschool programs. Visit ChildCareMealsNY.org to learn more.

How It Works

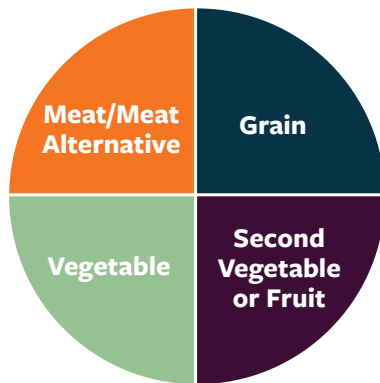
Once a provider is approved to participate, they receive reimbursement for each meal or snack served that meets CACFP requirements. Providers can be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack per child per day.



Reimbursement rates are updated each year, and vary based on the household income of the children in care and/or the provider. Visit ChildCareMealsNY.org for the current rates.

Meal & Snack Requirements

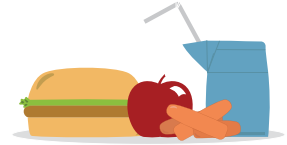
To receive reimbursement, meals must include five food components and snacks must include two:



Fluid
Milk

Sample Meal:

Chicken sandwich on a whole grain bun with carrot sticks, an apple, and 1% milk



Sample Snack:

Hummus, cucumber slices, and water



CACFP reimbursement may also be allowed for infants that consume breastmilk or formula.

CACFP staff and local sponsors can help providers plan menus that meet all requirements. Meal options can be customized to meet the needs of the children and the provider.

How to Apply

Daycare home providers participate in CACFP through a local sponsoring organization, often a Child Care Resource and Referral agency. Find your local sponsor to apply.

To find a local sponsor, call the Growing Up Healthy Hotline at 800-522-5006 or email CACFP at cacfp@health.ny.gov using the subject line "Outreach Coordinator." You can also find a list of sponsors at health.ny.gov/prevention/nutrition/cacfp/providers/

Hunger Solutions New York Can Help

We provide tools, resources, and one-on-one help to providers interested in applying for CACFP. Visit ChildCareMealsNY.org or contact CACFP@HungerSolutionsNY.org to learn more.



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