

10 Reasons Why Day Care Providers Should Be On The CACFP

1) The Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a Free Program intended especially for child care providers who are CCD registered or DHS Listed. It is a federally funded program offered at no cost and a great opportunity to receive assistance for feeding children nutritious meals.

2) Monthly Reimbursements!

Every month, valid claims are reimbursed based on the types of meals and the number of children that you feed each month. Regular, valid claims will produce a regular income.

3) Why not get paid for following Child Care Division (CCD) requirements?

Registered child care providers are required to keep track of the children's attendance, as well as serve meals that meet USDA CACFP guidelines (CCD rules page 12, Section 1b and page 9, Section 10a.). Why not follow these rules and be reimbursed by the CACFP while doing so?

4) Free Forms!

While on the CACFP you will receive all the required forms, free of charge. Menu forms, meal count log sheets, and attendance forms are the documents that you will use the most. These forms, when filled out, will also be useful when tax time approaches.

5) Free Workshops and Trainings!

CACFP hosts workshops and trainings that are beneficial to your day care business as well as fulfilling CCD training credits. They will cover topics such as nutrition updates from regional, state, and national sources as well as records training.

6) Technical assistance is always available. If you have questions concerning children and nutrition or need ideas for serving meals, help is just a phone call away.

7) Attract more families to your business!

Most parents, when looking for child care, prefer to find someone who is participating in the CACFP. They like to know that their child is being served nutritious meals on a regular basis. It is also a financial benefit to have meals provided for their children while in care at no additional cost to them.

8) Home visits from professional partners!

Many providers wish they had more opportunities for assistance with their business. For your convenience and to review program compliance, you will receive visits in your home from a program monitor several times each year. This will give you a chance to talk directly to a food program representative to have your questions answered as well as discuss food program and child care issues.

9) Increase your income and increase the success of your business!

A good business person knows the more they can increase the amount of cash flowing into the business, the better it is for the business. More money coming in, whether it is from parent fees or from programs like the CACFP, will help you stay in business and pay the bills.

10) Free stuff!

Providers who participate in the CACFP receive free stuff, such as quarterly newsletters, cookbooks and meal ideas, calendar keepers, nutrition updates, and activities for the children (toothbrushes, stickers, and color sheets).

If you would like more information about the USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program, give us a call!

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