

FACT SHEET

Child Care Food Program

Child Care Centers

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The Child Care Food Program provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to children in child care settings. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is administered in Florida by the Department of Health, Bureau of Childcare Food Programs.

Eligibility Requirements

- All programs must be licensed by the appropriate child care licensing authority or be legally exempt from such licensure.
- Programs must be 1) public or private nonprofit organizations, or 2) for-profit organizations whose enrollment or licensed capacity consists of at least 25% low-income children meeting specific criteria.
- Child care centers and outside-school-hours centers may participate in the program either with a sponsor or as independent centers. Family day care home providers who participate in the Child Care Food Program must be licensed and affiliated with a sponsoring organization.

Funding

The Child Care Food Program will reimburse up to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal per child, per day.

- Reimbursable meals and snacks may be served to eligible children 12 years of age and younger; migrant children may be served through age 15 and children with disabilities may be served regardless of their age.
- Reimbursement is determined by the number of eligible enrolled participants who are served creditable meals, and the current reimbursement rates set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Maximum reimbursement is \$1.51 for breakfast, \$2.99 for lunch and supper, and \$.76 for snack.

Record Keeping Requirements

Programs must keep attendance records, daily meal counts, menus and cost documentation to qualify for reimbursement.

Nutrition Requirements

Meals and snacks served to children must meet specific U.S. Department of Agriculture meal pattern requirements.

To qualify for reimbursement, meals and snacks must include, at a minimum, food components in amounts specified by age. A breakfast must include at least three food components (meat/meat alternate is optional), a lunch/supper must include all four components with an additional fruit and/or vegetable, and a snack must include at least two different food components. The meal pattern food components are:

- Fluid milk,
- Fruits and vegetables,
- Grains and breads, and
- Meat and meat alternates

Please refer to sample menu provided.

For further information, telephone or write to:

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Child Care Food Program Sample Center Menu

Refer to the Child Care Food Program Meal Pattern for Children when planning portion sizes for the different age groups.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Banana muffin Seasonal fresh fruit Milk	Whole grain waffle Applesauce Turkey sausage Milk	Cornflakes cereal Banana Milk	Whole grain English muffin Peanut butter and jelly Orange slices Milk	Egg and cheese biscuit Strawberry slices Milk
Lunch	Baked Chicken Rice Whole Wheat Roll Margarine Peas & Carrots Peaches Milk	Pork tenderloin Egg noodles Sweet potato Mixed vegetables Milk	*Vegetable lasagna Garlic Bread Green Peas Pears Milk	*Meatloaf Roll Mashed potatoes Steamed broccoli Milk	*Breaded Fish Ketchup Whole Wheat Bun Baked Beans Fruit Salad (orange, pineapple, and grapefruit sections) Milk
Snack	Cheese cubes Grape halves	Orange juice Animal crackers	Bell pepper strips Lite ranch dressing Cheese crackers	Yogurt Pineapple tidbits	Oatmeal cookie Milk

*Requires a Child Nutrition Label or standardized recipe

When a drink is not specifically listed with a snack, water is recommended as a beverage. (Note: Water is NOT a creditable food item)

Note: Additional sample menus can be found on our website: www.doh.state.fl.us/ccfp/