

FACT SHEET

Child Care Food Program

Homeless Children Nutrition Program

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The Homeless Children Nutrition Program provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to children by eligible organizations. 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

- Programs must be operated by a public or nonprofit organization that provides support to homeless children in temporary residential settings.
- Programs must operate a family shelter, shelter for battered women, or other facility whose primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter to homeless families with children. Certain runaway shelters are also eligible to participate.
- Programs must comply with all applicable state and local health and safety standards.
- Meals must be served in congregate meal settings except in the case of infants who may be fed in temporary residential quarters.
- Eligible organizations may contract directly with the Department of Health or may operate under the auspices of a sponsoring organization that contracts with the department.

Funding

The Homeless Children Nutrition Program will reimburse eligible organizations for up to three meals or two meals and one snack per child, per day.

- Reimbursement may be received for meals served to children in temporary residential settings.
- Reimbursable meals and snacks may be served to children 18 years of age and younger.
- Current 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 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 Homeless Children Nutrition 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	Oatmeal Peaches Milk	Pancakes Strawberries (fresh or frozen) Milk	Cereal Banana slices Milk	English muffin Scrambled egg Orange juice Milk	Whole grain bagel Pineapple tidbits Milk
Lunch	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Broccoli Fruit cocktail Milk	Baked Chicken Brown rice Salad (lettuce, tomato, and cucumbers) Pears Milk	Meatloaf Corn muffin Peas and carrots Peaches Milk	Bean and cheese quesadilla on whole grain tortilla Fiesta corn Apple slices Milk	Oven-baked fish Whole wheat roll Coleslaw Orange sections Milk
Snack	Apple slices String cheese	Bean dip Toasted tortilla triangles	Peanut butter Pretzel twists	Broccoli florets and carrot sticks <i>Lowfat ranch dressing</i> Whole wheat crackers	Yogurt Melon cubes

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/