

Support Mealtime in Child Care Centers



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

Child care centers and school-age child care programs are eligible for reimbursement if they:

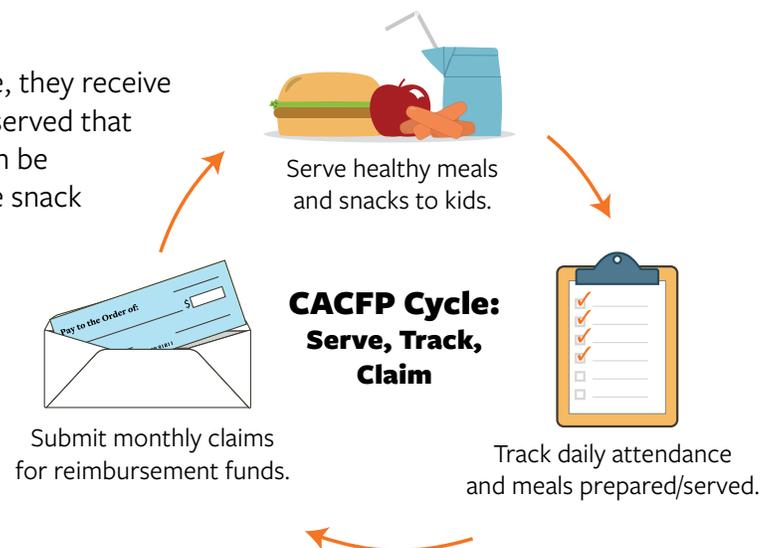


- Provide nonresidential care services
- Are licensed or approved by a federal, state, or local authority
- Are public, non-profit, or for-profit
- If for-profit, at least 25% of enrolled children must receive tuition subsidies or be eligible for free or reduced-price meals

CACFP is also available to eligible home-based day care providers and afterschool programs. Visit ChildCareMealsNY.org to learn more.

How It Works

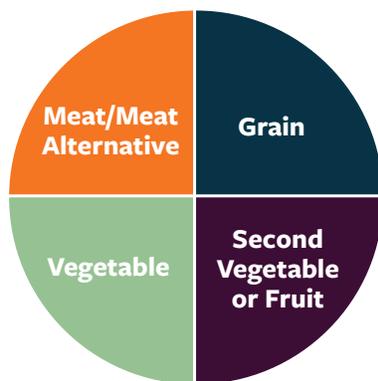
Once a center is approved to participate, they receive reimbursement for each meal or snack served that meets CACFP requirements. Centers can be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack per child per day.



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

Meal & Snack Requirements

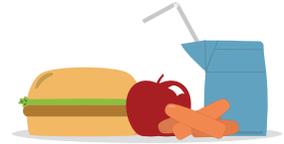
To receive reimbursement, meals must include five food components and snacks must include two:



Fluid Milk

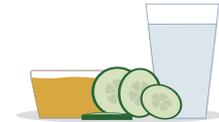
Sample Meal:

Grilled 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.

NYSDOH can help centers plan menus that meet all requirements. Meal options can be customized to meet the needs of the center's students, staff, and meal preparation resources.

How to Apply

Contact NYSDOH: call 518-402-7400 or email cacfp@health.ny.gov with the subject line "Outreach Coordinator."

You may apply any time of year, even if your program is already underway. To learn more, visit:

- NYSDOH CACFP website: health.ny.gov/prevention/nutrition/cacfp/
- NYSDOH CACFP prescreening tool: forms.ny.gov/s3/cacfp

Hunger Solutions New York Can Help

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



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