

USDA CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM Program Summary and Civil Rights Compliance

Program Summary:

The primary goal of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is to improve the diet of children 12 years of age or younger in a child care setting. Children 15 years and under from families of migrant workers are also eligible, and certain disabled people, regardless of age, may receive CACFP meals if they are enrolled in a center or home that serves mostly persons 18 years of age or younger.

Nutrition is an important part of good health. Proper nutrition is also an important part of a good child care program. Children need well-balanced meals in order to meet their daily energy needs and to help them build strong bodies and minds. Through the CACFP children are getting balanced, nutritious meals. Child care home providers may serve up to three meals a day to each child. If three meals are served, at least one of them must be a snack. All of the meals must follow patterns set by the USDA .

The CACFP reimburses child care providers for part of the cost of meals they serve to children and ensures that well-balanced, nutritious meals are served. The program also provides nutrition education to providers and children. The Child and Adult Care Food Program is a federally funded program. Organizations participating in the CACFP include, but are not limited to, child care centers, child care homes, and institutions providing child care services for children with disabilities.

Child care providers need to have a current Family Child Care Registration, current Department of Human Services, Self Sufficiency Program Listing status or Group Day Care Home Certificate with the Oregon Child Care Division to participate in the program. Child Care homes must participate under a sponsoring organization; they cannot enter the CACFP independently. In Oregon, the CACFP is administered by the State Department of Education. Locally, the CACFP is administered by Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start, Inc. serving Umatilla, Morrow, Grant, Gilliam and Sherman counties.

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