

Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for Adult Care Centers

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What is the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

The CACFP is a federally funded nutrition assistance program that provides healthy meals and snacks to 2.5 million young children each day in day care settings. The program also serves 58,000 adults who receive care in nonresidential adult day care centers. The adult day care component of the CACFP offers Federal funding for meals to adult day care centers. These centers enable elderly and disabled adults to remain in their own home or in the home of a family member, guardian, or other care giver, and avoid premature institutionalization.

What kind of centers can participate in the CACFP?

An adult day care center must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for reimbursement:

- Provide services to adults who are functionally impaired or over age 60;
- Provide community-based programs;
- Provide nonresidential services; and
- Be licensed or approved to provide adult day care services or demonstrate compliance with applicable State or local government standards or CACFP standards set forth in 7 CFR 226.6(d)(3).

How are centers reimbursed?

Centers receive payments based on income of participating adults. A 30-day study is conducted annually which documents all adults attending the center within that time frame. Income data is collected on these families and the center is reimbursed according to the number of families that fall within three categories of income as instructed by the Federal income eligibility guidelines from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Services. An adult care center with a higher rate of lower income adults will receive a higher reimbursement rate than a center that has more affluent adults attending. Federal reimbursement rates are adjusted annually in July.

How many meals may be provided?

Adult care centers may serve and be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal each day for eligible participants in care.

How can a center participate in the CACFP?

- Contact the Alaska DEED-Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) for an application.
- Complete a two-part application and submit it to the Alaska DEED-CNP.
- Receive and pass a pre-approval visit from Alaska DEED-CNP staff.
- Must include documentation of meeting state adult care requirements

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