The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides funds to help family day care homes and child care centers serve nutritious meals and snacks to young children. The CACFP is a USDA program administered through the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Family day care homes participate in the program under the sponsorship of one of four Minnesota nonprofit organizations. Family day care providers that participate in the CACFP contribute to high quality child care by serving nutritious meals to children in their care. Children who are well-nourished are sick less often, learn more effectively and behave better. Parents are happy to know their children are getting the right foods they need to develop and learn.

**Minnesota Family Day Care Home Sponsors**

**Adults’ & Children’s Alliance, Inc.**
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**Child Care & Nutrition, Inc.**
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800-634-3359
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**Milestones (formerly Child Care Choices)**
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Minnetonka, MN 55343
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CACFP Reimbursement Rates

The rates of reimbursement received by a family day care home depend on the geographic area where the home is located. The rates of reimbursement for July 2017-2018 are:

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If a family day care home does not qualify for Tier 1 reimbursement rates based on geographic area, the home may still qualify for Tier 1 reimbursement for some meals based on the household incomes of enrolled families or the household income of the family day care provider.

Program Requirements

The main program requirements are:

- Serve high-quality meals that meet USDA nutritional requirements.
- Count and request payment for meals served to enrolled, eligible children (up to a maximum of two meals and one snack, or one meal and two snacks, served per child per day).
- Keep accurate records on meals served and children present.
- Send in monthly records on time to the sponsoring organization.
- A family day care home’s CACFP sponsoring organization provides training and helps the family day care home understand program rules.

How to Apply

A family day care home participates in the CACFP through an agreement with any one of the four Minnesota nonprofit organizations listed above. Contact any of the organizations for more information. Each sponsoring organization serves all Minnesota counties.

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