

NATIONAL LAW CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS & POVERTY

USING THE CACFP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS FACT SHEET

What is the CACFP program?

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal nutrition entitlement program, which helps provide meals to children. The program can be used to reimburse meals for children living in domestic violence or homeless shelters. Each state has a State Child and Adult Care Food Program agency, usually located in the State Department of Education.

CACFP Helps Children in Shelters

Provides reimbursements to domestic violence and homeless shelters for meals and snacks served to children age 18 and under.

Which children are eligible?

All children who live in a domestic violence or homeless shelters are eligible if they are 18 years of age or younger. Families are not asked to prove their income or fill out any paperwork for their children.

How much \$ does a shelter receive?

Participating shelters receive:

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack
\$1.40	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.71

Shelters can be reimbursed for up to 3 meals a day or two meals and one snack each day. For example, a shelter that provides breakfast to 30 children for 30 days, would receive a total reimbursement of \$1260. Shelters can also receive commodities or cash-in-lieu of commodities reimbursement of 20.75 cents for each lunch or supper.

What are the record keeping requirements?

Record keeping requirements are relatively minimal. Shelters must keep a record of how many children receive meals each day, the total number of meals served by type (breakfast, dinner, etc), and menus for the meals and snacks served to children.

Are there special procedures for domestic violence shelters?

To protect the confidentiality and location of domestic violence shelters, locations of domestic violence shelters are not published. However, it is required that State CACFP staff conducts on-site reviews. These reviewers or monitors are taken to the domestic violence shelter location by the shelter's domestic violence staff. The monitors do not know the address of the shelter.

How does a domestic violence shelter apply for CACFP funds?

The domestic violence shelter must contact their state's CACFP agency. See the back of this fact sheet for a listing of state agencies.

For more information on the CACFP program or other federal nutrition programs, visit www.nlchp.org.

State Agency Contacts

Alabama: State Director of Child Nutrition Programs; Alabama Department of Education; 334-242-1988
Alaska: State Director of Child Nutrition Programs; Alaska Department of Education & Early Development; 907-465-8708
Arizona: State Director of Health and Nutrition Services; Arizona Department of Education; 602-542-8709
Arkansas: State Director of Special Nutrition Programs Slot S155; Arkansas Department of Human Services; 501-682-8869
California: State Director of Nutrition Services Division; California Department of Education; 916-323-7311 or 800-952-5609
Colorado: State Director of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Colorado Dept. of Health and Environment; 303-692-2452
Connecticut: Chief of Bureau of HNS & C/F/S Partnerships; Connecticut Department of Education; 860-807-2071
Delaware: State Director of School Support Services; Delaware Department of Education; 302-739-4676
District of Columbia: State Director of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education; Nutrition Services Department; 202-724-7655
Florida: State Director of the Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs; Florida Department of Health; 850-245-4323
Georgia: State Director of Bright from the Start; Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning; 404-651-8197
Hawaii: State Director of the Department of Education; Hawaii Department of Education; 808-587-3600
Idaho: State Director of Child Nutrition Programs; Idaho Department of Education; 208-332-6820
Illinois: Division Administrator of Nutrition Programs & Support Services; Illinois State Board of Education; 217-782-2491
Indiana: State Director of the Division of School and Community Nutrition Programs; Indiana Department of Education; 317-232-0850
Iowa: State Director of the Bureau of Food and Nutrition; Iowa Department of Education; 515-281-4757
Kansas: Team Leader of the Kansas State Board of Education Nutrition Services; Kansas Department of Education; 785-296-2276
Kentucky: State Director of the Division of School and Community Nutrition; Kentucky Department of Education; 502-564-5625
Louisiana: State Director of the Division of Nutrition Assistance; Louisiana Department of Education; 225-342-3720 or 1-800-453-2721
Maine: Manager of the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Department of Health Human Services; 207-287-5060
Maryland: Chief of School and Community Nutrition Programs Branch; Maryland Dept. of Education; 410-767-0199
Massachusetts: Administrator of School Nutrition Safety and Climate; Massachusetts Department of Education; 781-338-6479
Minnesota: State Director of Federal Support Programs; Minnesota Department of Education; 651-582-8508 or 800-366-8922
Michigan: State Director of Grants Coordination and School Support; Michigan Department of Education; 517-373-4013
Mississippi: State Director of the Bureau of Child Nutrition; Mississippi Department of Education; 601-354-7015
Missouri: Chief of the Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance; Missouri Department of Health; 573-751-6269, 1-888-435-1464 or 1-800-733-6251
Montana: Manager of Children's Services; Montana Dept of Health & Human Services; 406-444-4347
Nebraska: Administrator of Child Nutrition Programs; Nebraska Department of Education; 402-471-3566 or 1-800-731-2233
Nevada: State Director of the Office of Child Nutrition and School Safety; Nevada Department of Education; 702-486-7927
New Hampshire: State Director of the Bureau of Nutrition Programs & Services; New Hampshire Department of Education; 603-271-3860
New Jersey: State Director of Bureau of Food and Nutrition Services; State Department of Agriculture; 609-984-1250
New Mexico: Chief of the Family Nutrition Bureau; New Mexico Children Youth & Families Department; 505-827-9961 or 1-800-328-2665
New York: State Director of the Child & Adult Food Program; New York Department of Health; 518-402-7400
North Carolina: State Director of Nutrition Services Branch; North Carolina Department of Environment; 919-707-5799
North Dakota: State Director of Child Nutrition & Food Distribution Programs; North Dakota Department of Instruction; 701-328-2294
Ohio: State Director of the Office for Safety, Health and Nutrition; Ohio Department of Education; 614-466-9225
Oklahoma: State Director of Child Nutrition Programs; Oklahoma Department of Education; 405-521-3327
Oregon: State Director of Child Nutrition & Food Distribution; Oregon Department of Education; 503-378-3600
Pennsylvania: Chief of Food and Nutrition; Pennsylvania Department of Education; 717-787-7698
Rhode Island: Manager of Comprehensive School Health & Nutrition; Rhode Island Department of Education; 401-222-4600 ext 2364
South Carolina: Manager of South Carolina Department of Social Services; South Carolina Dept. of Social Services; 803-898-0958
South Dakota: State Director; South Dakota Department of Education; 605-773-4746
Tennessee: State Director of Adult and Community Programs; Tennessee Department of Human Services; 615-313-4749
Texas: Assistant Commissioner of the Food and Nutrition Division; Texas Department of Agriculture; 512-463-2091
Utah: State Director of Child Nutrition Programs; Utah Department of Education; 801-538-7513
Vermont: State Director of Child Nutrition Programs; Vermont Department of Education; 802-828-5154
Virginia: Regional Director; MARO, USDA, FNS, SNP; 609-259-5050
Washington: State Director of Child Nutrition Programs; Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction; 360-725-6200
West Virginia: State Director of the Office of Child Nutrition; West Virginia Department of Education; 304-558-2709
Wisconsin: State Director of the Community Nutrition Team; Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; 608-267-9123
Wyoming: State Director of Child Nutrition Programs; Wyoming Department of Education; 307-777-6262