



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

## **BRIGHT FROM THE START: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**

### **Nutrition Services**

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>No.: CACFP/01-11</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b> 2/15/2001
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**SUBJECT:** Licensure of After School Care Programs in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** 7 C.F.R. § 226.6 (d); O.C.G.A. § 49-5-12; O.C.G.A. § 20-1A-1, O.C.G.A § 20-1A-5

*Cross Reference/See Also:*

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the licensure requirements for after school care programs that participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

**II. APPLIES TO**

This policy applies to after school care programs in the CACFP. It does not apply to after school care programs operated by local school systems.

**III. DEFINITION(S)**

"Child care center" means any public or private nonprofit organization, or any proprietary title XX center licensed or approved to provide nonresidential child care services to enrolled children, primarily of preschool age, including but not limited to day care centers, settlement houses, neighborhood centers, Head Start centers and organizations providing day care services for children with handicaps. Child care centers may participate in the Program as independent centers or under the auspices of a sponsoring organization.

"Day care home" means an organized nonresidential child care program for children enrolled in a private home, licensed or approved as a family or group day care home and under the auspices of a sponsoring organization. (7 C.F.R. § 226.2)

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"Outside-school-hours care center" means a public or private nonprofit organization, or a proprietary title XX center licensed or approved to provide organized nonresidential child care services to enrolled children outside of school hours. Outside-school-hours care centers may participate in the Program as independent centers or under the auspices of a sponsoring organization.

## IV. POLICY

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) will make sure child care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, and day care homes are licensed to operate such centers or homes in Georgia. After school care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) must also be licensed unless exempt from such licensing/registration.

## V. PROCEDURE(S)

- After school care programs applying to participate in the CACFP must submit, along with their application, documentation that they are licensed/registered or that they are exempt from licensure/registration. A copy of the license/registration received by the after school care programs from the state licensing agency meets this documentation requirement.
- If a day-care center or day care home participating in the CACFP has a license/registration, a copy of which has already been submitted to DECAL, that includes the after school care program, then no additional documentation is required.
- If an after school care program is exempt from licensure/registration, then that program must provide documentation from the state licensing agency that it is exempt from licensure/registration. After school care programs exempt from licensure/registration must also document compliance with local health and safety standards.
- In any event, the suspension, termination, revocation, lapse, or non-renewal of an after school care programs' license/registration will prevent the after school care program from participating in the CACFP.

## VI. COMMENT(S)

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Policy Coordinator at (404) 651-7181.