



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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**Georgia's Child and Adult Care Food Program is available**

**ATLANTA, Ga., (February 3 , 2009)** – Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning announces the availability of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funded Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) at approved facilities throughout the state. Child care centers, adult day care centers, Head Start programs, and before and after school care programs are eligible to participate.

The organizations can participate as either pricing or non-pricing programs. In pricing programs, meals will be available at a free or reduced price to participants who meet the approved eligibility criteria listed in the chart below. In non-pricing programs, meals will be available at no separate charge to qualifying centers, emergency shelters and all family day care homes.

The CACFP utilizes Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced-Price Meals to determine each participant's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals in the program. Child participants who are members of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) units, the food stamp program, or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Adult participants who are members of the food stamp program, FDPIR households, who receive Social Security Income (SSI), or are Medicaid participants, are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

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To find a CACFP facility or sponsor, please visit the Bright from the Start website at [www.decal.state.ga.us](http://www.decal.state.ga.us). Go to the “Nutrition Service” link. Use the search function (zip code or county) to find a list of all local facilities and sponsors, addresses, maps, contact names, and phone numbers.

The CACFP will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against should write immediately to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY).

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**Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning** is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia’s children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia’s Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers federal nutrition programs, and manages the voluntary quality enhancement programs.

The department also houses the Head Start Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to [www.decal.state.ga.us](http://www.decal.state.ga.us).

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**Income Eligibility Guidelines**

(Effective from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

Household size	Free Meals					Reduced Price Meals				
	Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1 .....	13,520	1,127	564	520	260	19,240	1,604	802	740	370
2 .....	18,200	1,517	759	700	350	25,900	2,159	1,080	997	499
3 .....	22,880	1,907	954	880	440	32,560	2,714	1,357	1,253	627
4 .....	27,560	2,297	1,149	1,060	530	39,220	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
5 .....	32,240	2,687	1,344	1,240	620	45,880	3,824	1,912	1,765	883
6 .....	36,920	3,077	1,539	1,420	710	52,540	4,379	2,190	2,021	1,011
7 .....	41,600	3,467	1,734	1,600	800	59,200	4,934	2,467	2,277	1,139
8 .....	46,280	3,857	1,929	1,780	890	65,860	5,489	2,745	2,534	1,267
For each additional family member add	+ 4,680	+ 390	+ 195	+ 180	+ 90	+ 6,660	+ 555	+ 278	+ 257	+ 129