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Georgia's Child and Adult Care Food Program is available

ATLANTA, Ga., (January 31, 2011) – 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.

Organizations can participate as either pricing or non-pricing programs. In pricing programs, meals will be available at a free or reduced price to all enrolled participants who meet the approved eligibility criteria listed in the chart below. In non-pricing programs, meals will be available to all enrolled participants 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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Adult participants who are members of SNAP, 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 <http://www.decal.ga.gov/Nutrition/Search.aspx>. 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.

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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.ga.gov.

***Income Eligibility Guidelines appear below.*

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Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Child and Adult Care Food Program

Income Eligibility Guidelines

(Effective from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011*)

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	14,079	1,174	587	542	271	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	18,941	1,579	790	729	365	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	23,803	1,984	992	916	458	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	28,665	2,389	1,195	1,103	552	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	33,527	2,794	1,397	1,290	645	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	38,389	3,200	1,600	1,477	739	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	43,251	3,605	1,803	1,664	832	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	48,113	4,010	2,005	1,851	926	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
For each additional family member add	4,862	+ 406	+ 203	+ 187	+ 94	+ 6,919	+ 577	+ 289	+ 267	+ 134

*The updated poverty guidelines issued on August 3, 2010, by the United States Department of Health and Human Services do not represent a change in the IEGs for the Child Nutrition Programs. Therefore, the above stated guidelines are the same guidelines issued and effective from July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010.