

# Building for the Future

## Meals

This day care facility participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a Federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks to enrolled participants receiving care.

Providers receive monetary reimbursement for serving nutritious meals that meet USDA requirements. The program plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care and making it more affordable for low-income families.

CACFP homes and centers follow meal requirements established by USDA.

Breakfast	Lunch or Supper	Snacks (Two of the five groups)
Milk Fruit or Vegetable Grains	Milk Meat or meat alternate Grains Fruit Vegetable	Milk Meat or meat alternate Grains Fruit Vegetable

## Participating Facilities

Many different homes and centers operate the CACFP and share the common goal of bringing nutritious meals and snacks to participants. Participating facilities include:

- ☐ **Child Care Centers:** Licensed or approved public or private nonprofit child care centers, Head Start programs, and for-profit centers.
- ☐ **Adult Care Centers:** Licensed or approved public or private non-profit and some for-profit centers.
- ☐ **Family Day Care Homes:** Licensed or approved private child care homes.
- ☐ **Afterschool Care Programs:** Centers in low-income areas provide free snacks to school-age children and youth.
- ☐ **Emergency/Homeless Shelters:** Shelters that provide residential and food services to homeless children. Shelters are the only residential programs that may participate.

## Eligibility

State agencies reimburse facilities that offer non-residential day care to the following:

- ☐ children age 12 and under;
- ☐ migrant children age 15 and younger;
- ☐ youths through age 18 in afterschool care programs in needy areas;
- ☐ chronically impaired disabled adults 18 years of age or older; or
- ☐ persons 60 years of age or older in a group setting outside their home.

## Contact Information

This center participates on the CACFP under the sponsoring organization listed below. The CACFP is administered in every state and in Georgia by the agency listed below. Contact one of the following for questions about the CACFP.

**Sponsoring Organization/Center  
Name, Address and Contact #**

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