



Adult Day Care Program

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) administers the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federally funded program that provides reimbursement to child and adult care centers and day care homes that serve nutritious foods that contribute to the health and wellness of young children and older and chronically impaired adults.

Find out more about the adult care component of CACFP and see if your organization can participate!



What is the Adult Care Component of CACFP?

The adult care component of CACFP provides reimbursement to adult care centers for healthy meals served to adults enrolled in their programs. These payments help to lower the cost of serving nutritious meals adults need to maintain or improve their health.

Who Does the Program Serve?

The Program serves adults who are age 60 or older as well as adults of any age who are functionally impaired to an extent that limits their independence and ability to carry out activities of daily living (e.g., cleaning, shopping, taking public transportation, maintaining a residence, caring for one's own hygiene, etc.).

How Does It Work?

- USDA funds CACFP and determines Program requirements. For example, meals must include foods like milk, meats, fruits, vegetables, and grains that meet USDA nutrition standards in order to be reimbursable.
- GA DECAL administers the Program and communicates with USDA and adult care centers and sponsors. GA DECAL is responsible for managing agreements with centers and sponsors, and providing training, technical assistance, and monitoring. It also distributes the reimbursements for meals served.
- Sponsors are organizations that oversee adult care centers. Sponsors have agreements with GA DECAL and get reimbursed for meals and snacks served in their centers, based on the income of the adults in their care.
- Adult care centers provide enrolled adults supervised care outside of their homes during the day. Centers may participate in CACFP independently (and work directly with GA DECAL) or under a sponsoring organization.

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What are the eligibility requirements for centers?

- Must be licensed by the federal, state or local authority.
- May be a public, private nonprofit or for-profit organization, however, for-profit centers must serve higher numbers of low-income adults or adults who receive Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income in order to be eligible to participate.
- Serve persons 60 years of age or older or chronically impaired disabled persons, 18 years of age or older.
- Provide adults with supervised care in a non-residential community-based setting, outside of their home.



What are the next steps?

- Choose to operate as an Independent Center or work with an Administrative Sponsor.
- Contact GA DECAL Nutrition Services at 404.657.1779 to discuss options and to answer your questions about Adult CACFP.



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