



Our Mission

NAFCC supports and leverages a nationwide network of providers and partners in expanding and promoting the power of family child care, by connecting practice, policy, and research. We promote quality reflective of diverse, dynamic early childhood professionals and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children in home-based settings.

What is CACFP

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. CACFP also provides reimbursements for meals served to children and youth participating in afterschool care programs, children residing in emergency shelters, and adults over the age of 60 or living with a disability and enrolled in day care facilities. CACFP contributes to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children and adults in the United States.

Why the Urgency?

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), created by Congress in 1968, is an essential federal support for young children. The Child Nutrition Act, the law that authorizes CACFP, was last reauthorized in 2010. During the pandemic, temporary investments and policy flexibilities made a difference. Those interventions have expired, but there is momentum with the introduction of bills to make investments and improvements to keep kids fed.

Child care, Head Start, and at-risk afterschool programs are struggling to feed the children during a time when access to quality, affordable care is already threatened. We cannot stand by and allow this to happen. We need to bolster support in Congress!

CACFP Bills in Congress

Help create a healthier future for our children by providing nutritious meals through CACFP. For more information on how to get involved and the benefits of the program, visit


<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp>

Call to Action

- Bring together early childhood advocates and include hunger, nutrition and CACFP talking points in a district office meeting about child care and Head Start!
- Share messages on social media about hunger, nutrition, and CACFP! Check out the samples in this toolkit.
- Send an email to Congressional staff including this fact sheet, ask them to cosponsor the bills, and ask for a time to talk.
- Connect with area family child care programs, child care centers or Head Start programs and host a Member of Congress to visit at snack time.

CACFP Advocacy Toolkit

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