

What is the Child Care Food Program?

The **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)** is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is overseen by the California Department of Education.

Choices for Children acts as a sponsor to child care providers to help children in childcare homes receive nutritious meals. Exposure to good nutrition at an early age benefits children by promoting healthful eating habits that last a lifetime.

Choices for Children reimburses licensed family child care providers and licensed exempt (Trustline) providers for meals and snacks served to children zero through twelve years of age.

What is required to participate?

Participating on the **Choices for Children Child Care Food Program** is easy.

- ✓ Providers serve meals and snacks to children according to the USDA Meal Pattern Requirements.
- ✓ Meals and snacks are recorded daily using **KidKare**, a free easy to use online computer program which can be used on a tablet or smartphone as well.
- ✓ At the end of each month, providers submit their claim electronically and then are reimbursed for the meals and snacks claimed according to the current reimbursement rates.
- ✓ Cash reimbursement is issued monthly for the previous month's meals.

- ✓ Providers also receive assistance in menu planning, nutrition training and education and an informative monthly newsletter.

How much is the reimbursement for Providers?

Maximum reimbursement is 2 main meals + 1 snack per child per day.

FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES

(July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

| | Tier 1* | Tier 2* |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| Breakfast | \$1.31 | \$0.48 |
| Lunch/Dinner | \$2.46 | \$1.48 |
| Snack | \$0.73 | \$0.20 |

If you are a Tier 1 Provider operating at full capacity and serving lunch, snack and dinner daily, here is what you could potentially be reimbursed per month:

| Lic. Cap. | Serving | L,S,D | \$SPer Day | \$SPer Week | \$SPer Month |
|-----------|---------|--------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 8 | x | \$5.65 | = \$45.20 | x 5 = \$226.00 | x 4.2 = \$949.20 |

| Lic. Cap. | Serving | L,S,D | \$SPer Day | \$SPer Week | \$SPer Month |
|-----------|---------|--------|------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 14 | x | \$5.65 | = \$79.10 | x 5 = \$395.50 | x 4.2 = \$1,661.10 |

If you are a Tier 2 Provider operating at full capacity and serving lunch, snack and dinner daily, here is what you could potentially be reimbursed per month:

| Lic. Cap. | Serving | L,S,D | \$SPer Day | \$SPer Week | \$SPer Month |
|-----------|---------|--------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 8 | x | \$3.16 | = \$25.28 | x 5 = \$126.40 | x 4.2 = \$530.88 |

| Lic. Cap. | Serving | L,S,D | \$SPer Day | \$SPer Week | \$SPer Month |
|-----------|---------|--------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 14 | x | \$3.16 | = \$44.24 | x 5 = \$221.20 | x 4.2 = \$929.04 |

*Tier level determined at initial training and is based on eligibility by income and/or school.

How do I join the Child Care Food Program?

To find out more information, visit our website at:

www.choicesforchildren.org

OR

Please fill out and return the following form to us and we will contact you to set up your training (mail to address on back)

First Last

Street

City State

Zipcode Phone Number

Email

Check type of provider:

- Licensed for 8
 Licensed for 14
 Trustline/Exempt

License Number:

License Effective Date:

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