

Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



The CACFP nutritional program started in the late 1960's as the result of a study that reported the poor academic abilities of children whose nutritional needs were not being met. Poor nutrition can lead to an excess of sugars, fats, and salts, or an absence of important vitamins and minerals, which keep the body from functioning properly. Poor nutrition can result in delayed physical development and slowed intellectual growth. These delays affect every aspect of your child's life, including social and emotional skills. Starting good nutrition habits early on leads to continuing healthy habits throughout life. Proper nutrition is important to fuel activities that stimulate your child's intellectual and emotional growth.

CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care for children by making care more affordable for many families.

35 – Counties currently served

249 – Providers on food program

Appx. **3521** children enrolled all counties

16 – Providers in McCurtain, Choctaw and Push. Counties

211 -Appx. number of children enrolled in these 3 counties –

End of July YTD food reimbursement to providers **\$1,023,937.53**

This program is a part of the 2.9 million children and 86,000 adults across the Nation receiving nutritious meals and snacks each day as part of their day care.

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- **Balanced nutritious meals for children in licensed Provider Homes.**
 - **All children are eligible not just for low income families.**
 - **Funded by USDA/State Dept. Of Education.**
 - **No charge to the provider = savings to the parent.**
 - **Providers charge the parents for daycare but not for food.**
 - **W/O CACFP = feeding less or charging parents more for daycare.**
 - **LDCAA trains, monitors, and furnishes forms to Providers**
 - **Providers must be licensed Daycare homes.**
 - **Up to 2 main meals and 1 snack per day per child.**
 - **LDCAA administers CACFP in at least 35 counties in Oklahoma.**
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- **In 2006 – 2007, \$1,023,937.53 was administered for over 3,500 children.**