



What is the Child Care Food Program?

The Child Care Food Program (CCFP) is a government program funded by the USDA, Food and Nutrition Services, and the California Department of Education that provides cash reimbursement to Family Child Care Providers (licensed/trustlined) for serving nutritious meals to children ages 0 to 12 yrs regardless of race, color, special needs, age, sex, or national origin.



What are the requirements to participate?

- ✓ Be a licensed or trustlined Family Child Care Provider residing in Alpine, El Dorado, Mono, Nevada, Placer, or Sacramento County.
- ✓ Keep daily records of meals served to children using free online (www.minutemenu.com) or scan form system.
- ✓ Submit monthly records to Choices for Children (via internet or mail).
- ✓ Welcome visits from CCFP staff 3 times a year & attend annual training.

What are the benefits?



For Providers

- ✓ Monthly cash reimbursement (previous month is paid at the end of the current month).
- ✓ Federal & State rates are combined in each monthly check:

FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES

(July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011)

	Tier 1	Tier 2
Breakfast	\$1.19	\$0.44
Lunch/Dinner	\$2.22	\$1.34
Snack	\$0.66	\$0.18

CURRENT STATE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

52.5% of Breakfast + Lunches x \$0.1562

Both lower and higher-income child care providers can boost their cash flow by participating. Here's a chart comparing the cash benefits in 2006 of joining the CCFP. Refer to the Family Child Care Tax Workbook (Redleaf Press 800-423-8309 for details).

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Not in CCFP
Parent fees (4 Children)	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
CCFP Reimbursement	+3,744	+1,799	+0
Total Income	25,744	23,799	22,000
Business expenses	-10,000	-10,000	-10,000
Food expenses	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000
Profit	11,744	9,799	8,000
Federal taxes & SS	-4,345	-3,625	2,960
Cash on hand	\$7,399	\$6,174	\$5,040
End of Year			

- ✓ Allows you to purchase higher quality food while keeping rates competitive.
- ✓ CCFP nutritionists are available to answer questions and provide ongoing assistance regarding nutrition, program requirements, food preparation, and menu planning. Call any time!
- ✓ Annual workshops are presented on a wide variety of interesting topics to benefit you and your child care program.
- ✓ An informative monthly newsletter with menu ideas, program updates, and current health information.



For Children

- ✓ Helps them receive well-balanced, nutritious meals (high in iron, vitamin A and C) for healthy bodies and strong minds.
- ✓ Introduces many different new types of foods.
- ✓ Promotes healthful eating habits to last a lifetime.



For Parents

- ✓ Helps working families by providing substantial portion of children's food intake each day.
- ✓ Assurance that their children's diets are nutritious when away from home.

*Choices for Children is operated by **Continuing Development, Incorporated**, a non-profit organization serving children and meeting child care needs through a variety of services, including the Child Care Food Program, Provider Resource and Referral Services, Provider/Parent Education programs and State Subsidized Child Care Payment Program.*

The Child Care Food Program is available to all eligible children. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status, write immediately to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964.



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Placer
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