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**CACFP MAKING POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE  
LIVES OF ALABAMA CHILDREN**

Governor Kay Ivey  
President

**Montgomery, Ala.** - The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federally funded United States Department of Agriculture program administered by the Alabama State Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition and Sponsoring Organizations of Centers.

Jackie Zeigler  
District I

CACFP enables child and adult care institutions and family or group day care homes to provide nutritious meals and snacks as a regular part of their day care and that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of infants, young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons.

Tracie West  
District II

Studies show that children and adults in CACFP receive meals that are nutritionally superior to those in care settings without this program. Research also has found that nearly 87 percent of the family childcare homes, which provide quality childcare, participate in CACFP.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV  
Vice President

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) CACFP, is currently seeking sponsors to operate during the 2022 fiscal year to provide nutritious meals and snacks for eligible children and adults in Alabama.

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.  
District V

Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for preparing and serving meals to eligible participants at their sites. Meals and/or snacks may be served to participants in places such as schools, learning centers, community centers, daycare centers, and churches.

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.  
District VI

Training will be provided for eligible sponsors who operate these beneficial, underutilized programs that provide snacks or meals to participants in needy areas without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Belinda McRae  
District VII

Due to COVID, training may be virtual, face to face, or both. This information will be provided in advanced before training.

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.  
District VIII  
President Pro Tem

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., February 8, 2022, June 2, 2022, August 23, 2022, and December 1, 2022

**WHERE:** Gordon Persons Building Auditorium - 50 N. Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL 36130

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
Secretary and  
Executive Officer

**WHO:** CACFP staff will discuss program responsibilities, requirements, and best practices

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This program provides for the serving of meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at the following types of eligible and participating centers or homes:

- Center-Based Child Care
- Center-Based Adult Care
- At-Risk After-School Program
- Family Day Care Homes

Sponsors must ensure that their centers or day care homes are appropriately licensed or approved and maintain accurate records required for CACFP participation.

To receive reimbursement, sponsors must submit claims to CACFP on a monthly basis. CACFP reimburses programs for meals that meet federal nutritional guidelines served to children and adult day care participants at rates based upon their eligibility for free, reduced price or paid meals or snacks.

Meal reimbursement is calculated by a formula based on the type and number of meals served, the income eligibility of each participant, and the USDA meal rate. Breakfast, lunch, supper, and snacks (morning, afternoon, and late night) may be reimbursed depending on the type of day care program and the hours of operation. A maximum of two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal may be claimed per participant per day. Meals and snacks must provide a minimum number of food components in defined serving sizes to qualify for reimbursement. Food components include fluid milk, fruits and vegetables, breads/bread alternates and meat/meat alternates.

Reimbursement for meals served in family day care homes is based upon eligibility for Tier 1 rates or lower Tier II rates. Family day care home sponsoring organizations also receive administrative funds related to the documented costs they incur in operating the CACFP.

ALSDE/CACFP assists sponsors by providing program approval, claims reimbursement, nutrition expertise and consultation, training and resource materials, program guidelines and on-site program reviews.

Children in participating CACFP institutions also often have higher intakes of key nutrients. Potential sponsors may contact our office via mail at Alabama State Department of Education, Child and Adult Care Food Program - P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, AL, 36130-2101; via telephone at 334-694-4659, or via e-mail at [tpatterson@alsde.edu](mailto:tpatterson@alsde.edu).

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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