

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Child Care Food Program Continues to Contribute to Child Wellness in Florida Effective July 1, 2023

Since 1998, the Florida Department of Health's Child Care Food Program (CCFP), a federally-funded program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) authorized by 7 CFR Part 226 and section 383.011, Florida Statutes, has provided nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children who are enrolled with participating child care providers. In 2022, CCFP reimbursed child care providers for serving 148,629,987 meals to approximately 300,000 Florida children. Throughout the years, CCFP has also guided child care providers on the best ways to serve nutritious foods and promote beneficial habits for life by encouraging them to teach young children about healthy food choices.

Children who eat healthy foods are more attentive and have been found to be better learners. Eating well early in life has a profound effect on a child's growth and can even reduce obesity risks. Parents seeking child care in Florida are encouraged to enroll their children with providers who participate in CCFP. Learn more at: www.FloridaHealth.gov/CCFP.

How does CCFP work?

CCFP reimburses child care providers and ensures that meals and snacks meet or exceed federal and state nutrition standards.

Which child care providers participate?

Lists of participating providers, organized by facility type, can be found at: www.FloridaHealth.gov/CCFP.

The program is offered at four types of child care-related settings:

- **Child Care Centers:** In a non-pricing child care center, meals are available at no separate charge to eligible children. In a pricing child care center, which has a separate identifiable charge for meals, children from households whose income falls within the reduced-price income eligibility guidelines are eligible for reduced-price meals. These meals are priced at 40 cents for lunch/supper, 30 cents for breakfast and 15 cents for snacks. Children from households whose income falls within the free income eligibility guidelines are eligible for meals at no charge. Refer to the current income eligibility guidelines listed below.
- **Family Day Care Homes:** Meals are available at no separate charge to eligible children.
- **Afterschool Programs:** Snacks and/or meals are available at no separate charge to eligible children.
- **Homeless Shelters and Certain Emergency Shelters:** Meals are available at no separate charge to eligible children.

Who is eligible for meals and snacks?

Meals are available to all eligible participants.

Head Start participants funded by the Office of Head Start, within the Administration of Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and children from households receiving Food Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families benefits are automatically eligible to receive free meals benefits at participating facilities.

Below are the current income eligibility guidelines used in determining a child’s eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

FREE MEAL SCALE

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	18,954	1,580	790	729	365
2	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493
3	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622
4	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750
5	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879
6	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007
7	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136
8	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264
For each additional family member, add	+6,682	+557	+279	+257	+129

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
For each additional family member, add	+9,509	+793	+397	+366	+183

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