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



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The Florida Department of Health Partners with United States Department of Agriculture in Promoting the Child Care Food Program

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health joins the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in promoting the Child Care Food Program, a federally funded USDA program that reimburses child care providers for serving nutritious meals and snacks to children. The program is administered by the Department and ensures that participating facilities offer meals and snacks that meet or exceed federal and state nutrition standards. Meals are available to all eligible participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

“The Child Care Food Program promotes healthy habits for life, by encouraging young children to eat nutritious foods and learn about healthy food choices while in child care,” said Maria Williamson, M.S., R.D., L.D., Chief of the Bureau of Child Care Food Programs. “Parents seeking child care in Florida are encouraged to enroll their children in facilities that participate in this program.” 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, 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:** The Afterschool Meals Program is a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. Snacks and/or meals are available at no separate charge to eligible children.
- **Homeless Shelters and Certain Emergency Shelters:** The Homeless Children Nutrition Program is a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. Meals are available at no separate charge to eligible children.

Head Start participants and children from households receiving Food Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) 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.

FREE MEAL SCALE

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	14,937	1,245	623	575	288
2	20,163	1,681	841	776	388
3	25,389	2,116	1,058	977	489
4	30,615	2,552	1,276	1,178	589
5	35,841	2,987	1,494	1,379	690
6	41,067	3,423	1,712	1,580	790
7	46,293	3,858	1,929	1,781	891
8	51,519	4,294	2,147	1,982	991
For each additional family member, add	+5,226	+436	+218	+201	+101

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	21,257	1,772	886	818	409
2	28,694	2,392	1,196	1,104	552
3	36,131	3,011	1,506	1,390	695
4	43,568	3,631	1,816	1,676	838
5	51,005	4,251	2,126	1,962	981
6	58,442	4,871	2,436	2,248	1,124
7	65,879	5,490	2,745	2,534	1,267
8	73,316	6,110	3,055	2,820	1,410
For each additional family member, add	+7,437	+620	+310	+287	+144

For more information on the Child Care Food Program, please visit www.floridahealth.gov/ccfp/.

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