The Homeless Children Nutrition Program provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to children in child care settings. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is administered in Florida by the Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Food Programs.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Programs must be operated by a public or nonprofit organization that provides support to homeless children in temporary residential settings.
- Programs must operate a family shelter, shelter for battered women, or other facility whose primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter to homeless families with children. Certain runaway shelters are also eligible to participate.
- Programs must comply with all applicable state and local health and safety standards.
- Meals must be served in congregate meal settings except in the case of infants who may be fed in temporary residential quarters.
- Eligible organizations may contract directly with the Department of Health or may operate under the auspices of a sponsoring organization that contracts with the department.

**Funding**

The Homeless Children Nutrition Program will reimburse eligible organizations for up to three meals or two meals and one snack per child, per day.

- Reimbursement may be received for meals served to children 18 years of age and younger living in temporary residential settings.
- Current reimbursement for FY 20-21 is $1.89 for breakfast, $3.75 for lunch and/or supper (includes cash-in-lieu rate), and $.96 for snack.

**Record Keeping Requirements**

Programs must keep attendance records, daily meal counts, menus and cost documentation to qualify for reimbursement.

**Nutrition Requirements**

Meals and snacks served to children must meet specific U.S. Department of Agriculture meal pattern requirements.

To qualify for reimbursement, meals and snacks must include, at a minimum, food components in amounts specified by age.

Meals must contain:
- Fluid milk
- Fruit
- Vegetable
- Grain
- Meat and meat alternates

A sample menu is provided on the reverse side.

**For further information, telephone or write to:**

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Division of Community Health Promotion
Bureau of Child Care Food Programs
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**Sample Homeless Children Nutrition Program Menu**

Refer to the Child Care Food Program Meal Pattern for Children when planning portion sizes for the different age groups. Children age 1 must be served unflavored whole milk. Children ages 2-5 must be served unflavored lowfat (1%) or fat-free (skim) milk. Children 6 years old and older must be served unflavored or flavored lowfat milk (1%) or fat-free (skim) milk.

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<td><strong>Breakfast</strong></td>
<td>Cinnamon Raisin Bagel <em>Cream Cheese</em> Peaches</td>
<td>Whole grain waffle Applesauce Turkey sausage</td>
<td>Cheerios (100% whole grain) cereal Banana</td>
<td>Egg and Cheese Biscuit Strawberry Slices</td>
<td>Whole Grain English Muffin <em>Peanut butter and jelly Orange Slices</em> Milk</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch or Supper</strong></td>
<td>Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll Broccoli Seasonal Fresh Fruit</td>
<td>*Vegetable Lasagna Garlic Bread Green Peas Pears Milk</td>
<td>Pork Tenderloin Egg Noodles Sweet Potato Mixed Vegetables Milk</td>
<td>Bean and Cheese Quesadilla on Whole Grain Tortilla Fiesta Corn Apple Slices Milk</td>
<td>*Breaded Fish Ketchup Whole Wheat Bun Baked Beans Mixed Greens Salad (Spinach, Romaine, Tomato, Cucumber) *Lowfat Italian dressing® Milk</td>
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<td><strong>Snack</strong></td>
<td>Mandarin Oranges String Cheese</td>
<td>Grape juice Animal crackers</td>
<td>Bell Pepper Strips <em>Lowfat ranch dressing</em> Cheese crackers</td>
<td>Yogurt Pineapple tidbits</td>
<td>Muffin Milk</td>
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*Requires a Child Nutrition Label, Product Form Statement, or standardized recipe
When a drink is not specifically listed with a snack, water is recommended as a beverage. (Note: Water is NOT a creditable food item)
At least one serving of grains per day, across all eating occasions, must be 100% whole grain or whole grain-rich.

Note: Additional sample menus can be found on our website: [www.floridahealth.gov/ccfp](http://www.floridahealth.gov/ccfp)

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