



Child Care Food Program Homeless Children Nutrition Program Fact Sheet

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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 is \$1.66 for breakfast, \$3.31 for lunch and supper, and \$.84 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. A breakfast must include at least three food components (meat/meat alternate is optional), a lunch/supper must include all four components with an additional fruit and/or vegetable, and a snack must include at least two different food components.

The meal pattern food components are:

- Fluid Milk
- Fruits and vegetables
- Grains and breads
- Meat and meat alternates

A sample menu is provided on the reverse side.

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Child Care Food Program 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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cinnamon Raisin Bagel <i>Cream Cheese</i> Peaches Milk	Whole grain waffle Applesauce Turkey sausage Milk	Cheerios cereal Banana Milk	Egg and Cheese Biscuit Strawberry Slices Milk	Whole Grain English Muffin <i>Peanut butter and jelly</i> Orange Slices Milk
Lunch	Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll Broccoli Seasonal Fresh Fruit Milk	*Vegetable Lasagna Garlic Bread Green Peas Pears Milk	Pork Tenderloin Egg Noodles Sweet Potato Mixed Vegetables Milk	Bean and Cheese Quesadilla on Whole Grain Tortilla Fiesta Corn Apple Slices Milk	*Breaded Fish <i>Ketchup</i> Whole Wheat Bun Baked Beans Mixed Greens Salad (Spinach, Romaine, Tomato, Cucumber) <i>Lowfat Italian dressing</i> Milk
Snack	Mandarin Oranges String Cheese	Grape juice Animal crackers	Bell Pepper Strips <i>Lowfat ranch dressing</i> Cheese crackers	Yogurt Pineapple tidbits	Oatmeal cookie Milk

*Requires a Child Nutrition Label 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)

Note: Additional sample menus can be found on our website: www.floridahealth.gov/ccfp

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