



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 for FY 26-27 is \$2.54 for breakfast, \$5.08 for lunch and/or supper (includes cash-in-lieu rate), and \$1.30 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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Bureau of Child Care Food Programs
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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.
Children age 1 must be served unflavored whole milk. Children ages 2-5 must be served unflavored whole, reduced-fat (2%), lowfat (1%) or fat-free (skim) milk. Children 6 years old and older must be served unflavored or flavored whole, reduced-fat (2%), lowfat milk

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cinnamon raisin bagel <i>Cream cheese</i> Peaches Milk	WG waffle Applesauce Turkey sausage Milk	WG Cheerios Banana Milk	Egg and cheese biscuit Strawberry slices Milk	WG English muffin <i>Butter</i> Orange wedges Milk
Lunch or Supper	Baked chicken Mashed Potatoes WG 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 WG tortilla Corn Apple slices Milk	*Breaded fish WG bun Mixed greens salad (Spinach, Romaine, Tomato, Cucumber) <i>Italian dressing</i> Roasted potato wedges Milk
Snack	Mandarin oranges String cheese	Grape juice Pretzels	Bell pepper strips <i>Ranch dressing</i> Cheese crackers	Yogurt Pineapple tidbits	Corn Muffin Milk

*Requires a Child Nutrition Label, Product Formulation 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. Menus must clearly identify the whole grain or whole grain-rich item (e.g. "WG bread" or "WGR crackers").

Note: Additional sample menus can be found on our website: www.FloridaHealth.Gov/CCFP

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Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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