



The Child and Adult Care Food Program

Successfully Operating the Child and Adult Care Food Program An Overview of CACFP Duties and Documents for Sponsoring Organizations

*Find CACFP documents and resources online at <http://osse.dc.gov/service/child-and-adult-care-food-program>.

For forms and templates, click the [Program Management Forms](#) link under “Successfully Manage the CACFP: The Forms and Information that You Need.”

DAILY DUTIES

TASK	FORM or REFERENCE MATERIAL
Take attendance	Form: Monthly Tracking Log for Daily Attendance
Prepare meals or collect delivery ticket	Form: Daily Delivery Ticket
Verify that each meal meets the CACFP meal pattern requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, make creditable substitutions and/or additions 	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant One Week Menu Templates (0-3 month, 4-7 months, 8-11 months) • Child One Week Menu Template • Adult One Week Menu Template • CACFP Infant Formula & Food Notification Form Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP Meal Pattern (<i>Infant, Child and/or Adult</i>) • Sample Menus • Food Buying Guide • CACFP Creditable Food Guide • Acceptable Infant Formulas List • Non-Creditable Infant Foods List • Infant Feeding Guide
Record all menu changes	
Serve meals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For adult meals: Offer at least the minimum portion of all required components and ensure that participants accept the appropriate number of components in order to claim the meal • For child meals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For family-style meal service: place enough food on the table for each participant to have the minimum portion of each required component • For pre-plated meals: serve each participant the correct portion of each required component • For infant meals: Feed infants on demand and as developmentally appropriate 	
Ensure any participant with medical restrictions receives the appropriate meal	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Substitution Form • Soy Milk Notification Form
Take a count of all reimbursable meals served at the point of service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For infant meals: count each meal once all of its components have been served 	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point of Service Meal Count Form
Record the number of meals served to staff or volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These meals are not reimbursable but must be tracked 	<i>None available</i>

MONTHLY DUTIES

TASK	FORM or REFERENCE MATERIAL
<p>Create or update the four-week menu cycle (<i>if needed</i>)</p>	<p>Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant One Week Menu Templates (0-3 month, 4-7 months, 8-11 months) • Child One Week Menu Template • Adult One Week Menu Template • CACFP Infant Formula & Food Notification Form <p>Reference Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP Meal Pattern (<i>Infant, Child and/or Adult</i>) • Sample Menus • Food Buying Guide • CACFP Creditable Food Guide • Acceptable Infant Formulas List • Non-Creditable Infant Foods List • Infant Feeding Guide
<p>Update the Master Enrollment List for child and adult care facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the monthly MEL includes all participants who attended during that month • Save the MEL for each month as a separate file or worksheet – do not continuously update it • If serving Head Start and/or Early Head Start participants, have the authorized Head Start Representative sign the MEL to certify their eligibility 	<p>Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Enrollment List (<i>spreadsheet or paper file</i>)
<p>Prepare the claim for reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate attendance records – determine total attendance • Consolidate meal counts – determine total number of breakfasts, lunches, suppers and/or snacks served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Claim only approved meal services ○ If participating in the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program, total the at-risk meal counts separately • Transfer enrollment and eligibility category information from the MEL • Sign the claim 	<p>Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claim for Reimbursement <p>Reference Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions for Claim for Reimbursement
<p><u>For-Profit Centers Only:</u> Complete the Addendum for each facility and submit with the claim to document that the eligibility requirements were met</p>	<p>Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TXX Claim Addendum <p>Reference Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions for the TXX Claim Addendum
<p>Submit the claim by the 10th of the month following the claim month (i.e. submit the March claim by April 10th)</p>	<p><i>None</i> (email, fax, or deliver to the Claims Specialist)</p>
<p>File the invoices, receipts, menus, attendance, MEL, and meal count records for the claim month</p>	

ANNUAL DUTIES

TASK	FORM or REFERENCE MATERIAL
Attend annual renewal and civil rights training provided by the D.C. CACFP office (the State Agency)	<i>None</i>
Train sponsoring organization and facility staff on their CACFP duties and civil rights responsibilities	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP Training Documentation Form
Submit application updates to the State Agency	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution Information (<i>spreadsheet</i>) • Annual Information Certification Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal Information Checklist
<u>Institutions and facilities with a Food Service Management Company:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign a contract with a Food Service Management Company, following proper procurement procedures, or • Renew an existing contract (up to three times) 	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP Small or Large Purchase Procurement Documents Folder (<i>for a new contract</i>) • CACFP FSMC Contract Renewal (<i>for renewing a contract</i>)
Distribute the Enrollment Form/Income Eligibility Statement (IES) with the Letter to Households	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IES • Letter to Households
Collect, classify and file the IES for each household	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IES Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Eligibility Guidelines (July 1 – June 30)
Create a Master Enrollment List (MEL) based on enrollment and IES forms (or Head Start records, if applicable)	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Enrollment List (<i>spreadsheet or paper file</i>)
Complete the Annual Civil Rights Data Documentation Form using November enrollment and/or attendance	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Civil Rights Data Collection Form Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Civil Rights Data Collection Form Instructions
<u>Sponsoring organizations:</u> Submit the annual budget for State Agency approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If using CACFP funds to pay for administrative costs, submit a narrative and documentation to support estimates 	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Spreadsheets (<i>spreadsheet</i>) Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNS Financial Management Instruction (796-2)
<u>Sponsors of family day care homes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and submit the Provider Payment Reconciliation • Complete and submit the Administrative Cost and Carryover Analysis and return excess unspent funds 	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider Payment Reconciliation Form • Budget Spreadsheets (<i>spreadsheet</i>)
<u>Sponsoring organizations:</u> Conduct facility monitoring (three times per year)	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility Monitoring Form • At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program Monitoring Form • Family Day Care Home Monitoring Form
File and maintain all CACFP records for the fiscal year	<i>None</i>

DUTIES PERFORMED ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

TASK	FORM or REFERENCE MATERIAL
Send the State Agency updates on operations	<i>None (email – preferred, fax, or deliver)</i>
Obtain required paperwork for each newly enrolled participant	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Form/Income Eligibility Statement (distributed with Letter to Households) • Medical Substitution Form (if participant has a special dietary need) • Soy Milk Notification Form (if participant receives an approved soy milk instead of cow’s milk) • Infant Formula and Food Notification Form (for all infants under one year of age)
Collect, classify, and file the IES for each newly enrolled participant	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IES Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Eligibility Guidelines (July 1 – June 30)
Update MEL to include all new participants	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Enrollment List (<i>spreadsheet or paper file</i>) Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Enrollment List Instructions
Conduct CACFP training for new staff or as problems occur	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP Training Documentation Form
<u>Sponsoring organizations:</u> Submit budget updates	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Spreadsheets (<i>spreadsheet</i>)
<u>Sponsoring organizations:</u> Submit application and supporting documents for new facilities and homes	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility or Home Information Form • Agreement Form (<i>for providers and unaffiliated facilities</i>) • Pre-Approval Form Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checklist for Sponsors Adding a New Home or Facility • Certified Food Protection Manager Instructions
<u>Sponsors of family day care homes:</u> Follow seriously deficient procedures with providers and forward communications to the State Agency	Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seriously Deficient Letter Templates Reference Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seriously Deficient Process Flow Charts

Ongoing Recordkeeping – Maintain permanently

- Permanent Agreement and Policy Statement
- IRS Letter of Determination (if non-profit)
- Memos, policies, regulations and instructional materials issued by the State Agency (unless redacted or outdated)
- Institution policies and procedures, including
 - Employee compensation plan
 - Outside employment policy
 - Plans and procedures developed as part of a corrective action plan
- “And Justice for All...” poster and “Building for the Future” flyer (must be posted at each facility except family day care homes)
- Information about the WIC program for child development centers and family day care homes to share with families (handout or information from website)

Ongoing Recordkeeping – Maintain for three (3) years after the end of the fiscal year

- CACFP initial application and annual renewal documentation (Annual Information Certification, institution file information spreadsheet, copies of licenses/alternate approval documentation, copies of Certified Food Safety Manager certificates)
- Facility pre-approval visit and monitoring forms
- Facility application documents and agreements
- Family day care home provider serious deficiency documentation and correspondence
- Documents pertaining to CACFP administrative reviews and/or technical assistance visits
- Enrollment Form/Income Eligibility Statement (IES) for each enrolled participant, as required
- Master Enrollment List (MEL) for each facility, as required, for each month claimed
- Dated daily attendance records for each facility
- Dated daily or point-of-service meal count records for each facility
- Dated daily menus for infants, children, and/or adults that include all foods actually served
- Medical Substitution Forms, Soy Milk Notification Forms, and/or Infant Formula and Food Notification Forms (as applicable)
- Food service management company procurement and contract documents plus license and inspection reports
- Invoices, receipts, delivery tickets, and financial tracking documents to support:
 - Food costs
 - Itemized receipts, invoices or delivery tickets correspond to the foods listed on the menus
 - Food service operating costs (i.e. non-food items and services to support the food program like: serving utensils, cleaning supplies, pest control, etc.)
 - Food service labor costs (i.e. payroll records for the cook, time-and-attendance and payroll records for teachers with food service duties)
 - Administrative costs
 - Administrative labor costs (i.e. time-and-attendance and payroll for staff with record-keeping duties)
 - Administrative operating costs (i.e. items and services to support CACFP administration)
- Copies of all submitted claims (with addendum for any for-profit facilities)
- Copies of monthly child care subsidy program (i.e. vouchers or Title XX) statements (for any for-profit facilities)
- Training documentation – specify date, location, topic, and attendees
- Civil Rights Data Documentation

Ongoing Recordkeeping – Maintain for three (3) years after the end of the fiscal year (cont.)

- A-133 Audit Reports (for institutions receiving \$500,000 or more in federal funding across all funding sources)
- Budget with narrative, documentation to support administrative cost estimates, and any amendments
- Allocation plan (for multi-state sponsoring organizations)
- Family Day Care Home Provider Payment Reconciliation report
- Family Day Care Home Sponsoring Organization Administrative Cost and Carryover Analysis report
- Requests for advance funds, start-up funds, and/or expansion funds and all related documentation