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Illinois State Board of Education Announces the Child and Adult Care Food Program

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) announced the availability of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP is a federally funded program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that is administered by ISBE.

The program is designed to primarily assist child care centers, Head Start programs, before- and after-school programs, emergency shelters, and day care home providers with funding to provide nutritious meals to children in their care. All participating child care centers and day care homes must provide meals to enrolled children at no additional charge.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

Effective from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020

Household Size	Free Meals					Household Size	Reduced-Price Meals				
	130% Federal Poverty Guideline						185% Federal Poverty Guideline				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	16,237	1,354	677	625	313	1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	21,983	1,832	916	846	423	2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	27,729	2,311	1,156	1,067	534	3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	33,475	2,790	1,395	1,288	644	4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	39,221	3,269	1,635	1,509	755	5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	44,967	3,748	1,874	1,730	865	6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	50,713	4,227	2,114	1,951	976	7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	56,459	4,705	2,353	2,172	1,086	8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
For each additional family member, add	5,746	479	240	221	111	For each additional family member, add	8,177	682	341	315	158

Individuals in households that receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Children enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start programs at approved Head Start facilities, or foster care children that are legal responsibilities of the State or court, are also allowed to receive free meal benefits. Parents or guardians should contact their child care center or day care home provider to find out if they participate in this program.

The USDA Household Income Eligibility Guidelines are listed for families who do not receive TANF or SNAP benefits. If a household's income falls within or below the listed guidelines, they should contact their child care center or day care home provider for the benefits of the program. They may be required to complete an application and provide income, TANF, or SNAP information.

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