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CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM – DAY CARE CENTERS

(HARTFORD, CT) - Many local child care centers and adult day care centers in Connecticut participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and provide nutritious meals to more than 14,000 participants daily, at more than 385 locations statewide through 136 locally sponsored programs.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provides nutritious meals and snacks at no separate charge to infants, young children and adults receiving services in day care centers, as well as infants and children living in emergency shelters. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) accepts applications from public and private institutions to become sponsors of the CACFP on an ongoing basis. Sponsoring institutions serve meals to all participants regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Child and Adult Care Food Program applications and a list of local CACFP participating agencies are available through the CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1543. For further information on CACFP, go to: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=321576>

Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsors are reimbursed for each meal served, according to predetermined U.S. Department of Agriculture reimbursement rates based on the income levels of the families served by the program. The following income guidelines will be used to determine funding in Connecticut from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

FREE MEALS					REDUCED PRICE MEALS				
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	15,301	1,276	589	295	1	21,775	1,815	838	419
2	20,709	1,726	797	399	2	29,471	2,456	1,134	567
3	26,117	2,177	1,005	503	3	37,167	3,098	1,430	715
4	31,525	2,628	1,213	607	4	44,863	3,739	1,726	863
5	36,933	3,078	1,421	711	5	52,559	4,380	2,022	1,011
6	42,341	3,529	1,629	815	6	60,255	5,022	2,318	1,159
7	47,749	3,980	1,837	919	7	67,951	5,663	2,614	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	2,045	1,023	8	75,647	6,304	2,910	1,455
Each Add'l Family Member	+5,408	+ 451	+ 208	+104	Each Add'l Family Member	+7,696	+ 642	+ 296	+ 148

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- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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