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CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM - DAY CARE HOME PROVIDERS

(HARTFORD, CT) - Many local day care home providers in Connecticut participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and provide nutritious meals to more than 4,500 children daily, at approximately 845 locations statewide under the sponsorship of seven local and statewide sponsoring organizations.

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 all enrolled participants. 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: <u>http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=321576</u>

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 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
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