

Sponsoring Organizations

Increased Access and Program Integrity in the CACFP

Sponsoring Organizations (Sponsors) of family child care homes and child and adult care centers play a critical role in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) by ensuring program integrity, increasing food program access, and providing nutrition program access and ongoing technical assistance to their sponsored facilities.

A Sponsor enters into an agreement with the State agency and assumes administrative and financial responsibility for CACFP operations for the facilities under its sponsorship. The role of a Sponsor is crucial as it ensures facilities are in compliance with State and Federal rules and assists in proper reporting and other administrative functions.

Find a Sponsor in Your State

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Sponsoring Organizations



Working With



65,000
Child Care Centers
Annually



67,000
Family Child Care Homes
Annually



A Sponsor's Role in the CACFP



Program Integrity

- Assumes financial liability and administrative responsibility for their sponsored facilities
- Provides management guidance and oversight for CACFP program operations
- Provides additional oversight for health and safety requirements
- Decreases the administrative burden for the operator



Program Access

- Provides the only point of access to the CACFP for Family Child Care Homes
- Increases CACFP access for centers and afterschool programs wanting to participate in the food program



Nutrition and Program Education and Technical Assistance Training

- Assures operators receive nutrition education and program training that supports compliance with the food program
- Provides ongoing access to technical support
- Includes more frequent monitoring oversight (minimum of three times annually) and ongoing reporting reviews
- Provides timely updates on policy changes in the food program

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As a sponsor, we make sure providers stay in compliance so that they receive the reimbursement needed to serve nutritious meals. We know the CACFP is just part of a provider's very busy day and we want to make sure we are here as a resource so that they are successful in the food program.
- CACFP Sponsoring Organization

CACFP is an indicator of quality care.
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