

# Stages of CACFP Policy



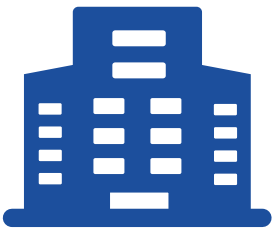
## 1. Congress

Creates laws that govern the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).



## 2. USDA

Interprets laws and develops regulation.



## 3. State Agencies

Implement and expand regulations in their state.

Monitor and disburse reimbursement to sponsoring organizations and independent centers.



## 4. Sponsoring Organizations

Oversee and monitor providers to ensure they follow State and Federal guidelines.

Provide technical assistance and disburse reimbursement to providers.



## 5. Child and Adult Care Providers

Serve nutritious meals and snacks to those in their care.

## Definitions

<b>Law</b>	Passed by both houses of Congress and signed by the president.
<b>Regulation</b>	Federal agencies develop more details and guidelines in the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) to implement the law. The regulation is comprised of many different rules.
<b>Rule</b>	Regulations are created through a rule-making process, which includes a proposed rule, a comment period, and a final rule. Once the final rule is issued, it becomes part of regulation.
<b>Guidance</b>	Agencies publish supplementary materials that clarify existing rules. Guidance can be helpful and outline best practices, but they are not legally binding.