

2016-2017 CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM LETTER TO PARENT/PARTICIPANT

Dear Parent/Participant:

Our agency depends on Child and Adult Care Food Program funds to provide meals at no separate charge to all participants. Complete information is necessary in order to receive the maximum funds available through the United States Department of Agriculture. The information will serve as documentation that our enrolled participants are eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program. You may complete and submit one CACFP eligibility application for all participants from the same household that are enrolled for care with our agency.

Household members include everyone in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. You also may include foster children who live with you. Once properly categorized for free or reduced price benefits, whether through income or by providing a current SNAP, FDPIR, or TANF case number (SNAP, FDPIR, SSI, or Medicaid case number for Adult Day Care Participants), you will remain eligible for those benefits for 12 months. You should notify us, however, if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income causes your household income to be within those eligibility standards.

The income that you report must be the total gross income received by all members of your household.

The "Eligibility Income Scale" for reduced-price meals is included in this letter for your information. If your income is less than or equal to these reduced-priced standards, the participant is eligible for free or reduced-price meals from the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which means increased reimbursement for our center and increased nutritional benefits for the participant.

Please complete, sign and return the form so that our center may receive maximum reimbursement. We cannot approve a form that is not complete, so be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill out all required information. This form will be placed in our files and treated as confidential information. Your cooperation is vital and appreciated.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is available to all eligible participants regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. If you have questions about any of USDA's nutrition assistance programs, check the information on the FNS web site, <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

(Name of Day Care Center)

X _____
(Signature of Day Care Center Representative)

TO APPLY, YOU MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THREE OPTIONS.

1. List the Name of the participant (First and Last Names).
2. Complete the Days, Hours of Care, and the meals types served to the enrolled participant. (One time requirement for Adult Day Care participants.)

Option 1A or 1B - CHILD CARE PARTICIPANTS ONLY:

If you receive SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits for the participant, list the SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Case Number and Sign and Date the form. If you are applying for a Foster Child who is under the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or court, Check the Box and Sign and Date the form.

A FOSTER CHILD'S PERSONAL USE INCOME is defined as follows:

- a) Funds received from a welfare agency, which can be identified for personal use of the child. Where funds provided by the welfare agency are specified by agency, i.e., funds for shelter and care; special needs funds; and funds for personal needs such as clothing, school fees, allowances, etc., only those funds that can be identified as personal use funds shall be considered as income.
- b) Money received in hand from any source. This includes, but is not limited to, funds received from trust accounts, monies provided by the child's family for personal use and earnings from employment other than occasional or part-time (e.g., paper routes, baby-sitting).

Option 2 – ADULT CARE PARTICIPANTS ONLY:

If you receive SNAP, FDPIR, SSI or Medicaid benefits for the participant, indicate the SNAP, FDPIR, SSI or Medicaid Case Number and Sign and Date the form.

Option 3 – CHILD CARE AND ADULT PARTICIPANTS:

If you do not receive SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, SSI or Medicaid benefits for the participant, you must complete:

3. Names of all (Related or Unrelated) household members
4. List the household income (Monthly Gross Earnings) for each household member
5. Total number in household (#1 + #3 above).
6. Total the gross income of all household members.
7. Sign, Print and complete the full address of the Adult Household Member signing the application.
8. Date the form and complete the telephone number of Adult Household Member signing the application.
9. List the last four (4) digits of the social security number for the Adult Household Member signing the application, or indicate that the Adult Household Member signing the application does not possess a social security number.

**ELIGIBILITY INCOME SCALE
Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	REDUCED		
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$15,445 - \$21,978	\$1,288 - \$1,832	\$ 298 - \$ 423
2	\$20,827 - \$29,637	\$1,737 - \$2,470	\$ 402 - \$ 570
3	\$26,209 - \$37,296	\$2,185 - \$3,108	\$ 505 - \$ 718
4	\$31,591 - \$44,955	\$2,634 - \$3,747	\$ 609 - \$ 865
5	\$36,973 - \$52,614	\$3,082 - \$4,385	\$ 712 - \$1,012
6	\$42,355 - \$60,273	\$3,531 - \$5,023	\$ 816 - \$1,160
7	\$47,750 - \$67,951	\$3,981 - \$5,663	\$ 920 - \$1,307
8	\$53,158 - \$75,647	\$4,431 - \$6,304	\$1,024 - \$1,455
Each Additional Family Member	+7,696	+642	+148