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**Federal Program Offers Day-Care Meal Assistance**

All day-care facilities and their clients should be aware that children and adults enrolled in day-care facilities may be eligible for free meals through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, according to Agriculture Secretary Charles M. Kuperus.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is a federally funded program that reimburses sponsoring agencies that provide healthy meals and snacks at no charge to children and adults enrolled in licensed or approved day-care facilities or family day-care homes.

Meals are available at no separate charge to all enrolled participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex.

Following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals for the period from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005:

**Effective from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005**

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Free Yearly Income</u>	<u>Reduced Yearly Income</u>
1	12,103	17,224
2	16,237	23,107
3	20,371	28,990
4	24,505	34,873
<b>Each Additional Family Member</b>	<b>+ \$ 4,134</b>	<b>+ \$ 5,883</b>

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture. It is operated in accordance with U.S.D.A. policy, which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex in the meal service, admissions policy or use of any Adult Food Program facility. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD).

To learn more about the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the participating centers in a particular area, contact the N.J. Department of Agriculture at (609) 984-1250. Family Day Care Sponsoring Organizations should call (609) 292-4498. For more information about any of USDA's nutrition assistance programs, write to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302, or check out its web site at [www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/).

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