# HOW TO PARTICIPATE AS A SPONSOR IN THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)



#### What is the CACFP?

The CACFP is a federal program that provides funding for nutritious meals and snacks served to children and adults receiving day care. This program plays an important role in improving the quality and affordability of day care and ensuring access to adequate nutrition. In Nevada, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) administers CACFP with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

## Why should I consider participating in the CACFP?

CACFP reimburses participating centers for meals and snacks served, allowing centers to provide nutritious food to participants with limited cost to the organization.

### Benefits of the CACFP

- Benefits for organizations that serve children: Organizations participating in the CACFP receive meal reimbursement for healthy meals and snacks, allowing them to provide nutritious foods that follow a meal pattern at limited cost to their organization.
- Benefits for children: Children attending programs that participate in the CACFP receive healthy, wellbalanced meals and snacks, and are supported in establishing healthy eating habits.
- Benefits for parents, guardians and caregivers: Parents and caregivers know their children or participant will be served nutritious meals and snacks at a reduced or free cost.
- **Benefits for the community:** The CACFP reduces food insecurity among families. Because the CACFP is federally funded, organizations that participate are helping to return federal tax dollars to our state and support an increased financial investment in the health of Nevada's children.

# How can I participate?

There are three ways to participate in the CACFP:

- 1. As a Sponsoring Organization
- 2. As a Participating Site under a Sponsoring Organization
- 3. As an Independent Center

#### How can I apply to become a Sponsor?

- Complete and submit the CACFP Initial Application available on the NDA CACFP webpage at <u>agri.nv.gov/Food/CACFP</u>.
- Complete new Sponsor training and other items when prompted by the NDA. If your organization wants to participate under a Sponsor or you need assistance completing the application, please contact the NDA at 775-353-3758 or 702-668-4585 or <u>fnd@agri.nv.gov</u>.





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