

CACFP Center Eligibility Quick Check

Is your organization a Child Care Center*, At-Risk Afterschool Program* / Outside School Hours Care Center*, Adult Day Care Center*, Head Start*, or a Residential Homeless Shelter* for children or families with Children?

Yes No

Is your organization currently operating and providing services?

Yes No

Has your organization been in operation for at least 6 months?

Yes No

Does your organization have a UEI Number?
(If your organization needs a UEI Number, visit the [Sam.gov](https://sam.gov) website)

Yes No

For child care centers, does the site have an OCC license?
For most other sites, does the site have both a health inspection and fire inspection showing the site is in compliance on file?

Yes No

Have you, or any of your organization's board members or principals been convicted for fraud, antitrust violations, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or obstruction of justice during the past seven years?

Yes No

Are you, the organization, or any of its principals currently on the USDA CACFP National Disqualified List*?

Sorry, your organization is not eligible to participate in the CACFP at this time. Please meet the standards that were missed and consider applying later.

Your organization may be eligible to participate in the CACFP. Please complete the Eligibility Assessment to start the application process.
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* For a glossary of terms, please refer to the other side of this flowchart.

Glossary of Terms

Program Types:

Adult Day Care Center- any public or private nonprofit organization or any for-profit center (as defined in this section) which:

- (a) is licensed or approved by Federal, State or local authorities to provide nonresidential adult day care services to functionally impaired adults (as defined in this section) or persons 60 years of age or older in a group setting outside their homes or a group living arrangement on a less than 24- hour basis and
- (b) provides for such care and services directly or under arrangements made by the agency or organization whereby the agency or organization maintains professional management responsibility for all such services. Such centers shall provide a structured, comprehensive program that provides a variety of health, social and related support services to enrolled adult participants through an individual plan of care.

At-Risk Afterschool Program- a public or private nonprofit organization that is participating or is eligible to participate in the CACFP as an institution or as a sponsored facility and that provides nonresidential child care to children after school through an approved afterschool care program located in an eligible area.

Child Care Center- means any public or private nonprofit institution or facility (except day care homes), or any for-profit center, as defined in this section, that is licensed or approved to provide nonresidential child care services to enrolled children, primarily of preschool age, including but not limited to day care centers, neighborhood centers, Head Start centers and organizations providing day care services for children with disabilities.

Head Start- a local public or private non-profit or for-profit entity designated by the Administration for Children and Families to operate a Head Start program to serve children age three to compulsory school age, pursuant to section 641(b) and (d) of the Head Start Act. Early Head Start Programs serve pregnant women and children from birth to age three pursuant to Section 645A(e) of the Head Start Act.

Residential Homeless Shelter- means a public or private nonprofit organization or its site that provides temporary shelter and food services to homeless children, including a residential child care institution (RCCI) that serves a distinct group of homeless children who are not enrolled in the RCCI's regular program.

Outside School Hours Center- means a public or private nonprofit institution or facility (except day care homes), or a For-profit center as defined in this section, that is licensed or approved to provide organized nonresidential child care services to children during hours outside of school.

Other Important Terms:

CACFP National Disqualified List- the list where Individuals and Organizations are listed if they and their organization is determined to be Seriously Deficient in the operation of a Federal Child Nutrition Program, is unable to permanently correct those deficiencies, and is subsequently terminated from operating Child Nutrition Programs for 7 years.

Principal- any individual who holds a management position within, or is an officer of, an institution or a center, including all members of the institution's board of directors or the sponsored center's board of directors.