



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Family Nutrition Programs
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SCDSS NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Summer Food Service Program

The Afterschool Snack Program

The Emergency Shelters Food Program

The Food Stamp Program

The Commodities Program

Our mission is to reduce hunger and food insecurity by ensuring access to food, a more healthful diet, and nutrition education for children and low-income families. Nutrition assistance programs build a strong foundation to help families eat better, learn better, and earn better.

For more information about any of our programs, contact us at 1-800-768-5700 or visit our web site at:

www.healthyhelpings.org

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HOW DO WE FEED HOMELESS CHILDREN?

Thanks to the 1998 Child Nutrition Authorization Act, homeless shelters can now use the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to feed many homeless children. Emergency and homeless shelters taking care of families with children qualify for funding for meals served to the children in their care.

OUR GOAL

To ensure that young children temporarily residing in shelters receive adequate nutrition.

QUALIFYING IS SIMPLE!

You must be a public or private non-profit institution that provides support to at-risk families with children.

This includes family shelters, shelters for battered women, and other facilities whose primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter to homeless families with children.

Temporary residential sites which are operated by an emergency shelter are also eligible for participation.

There is no federal or state requirement to be licensed, but the shelter must meet all applicable state and local health and safety standards.

Only meals served to children age 12 and younger are reimbursed.

HEALTHY & EASY MEALS

Shelters may claim up to three meals a day served to the children in their care. All meals served to the children must meet USDA nutrition guidelines.



MINIMAL RECORD KEEPING

You will be required to maintain the following records to document the service of eligible meals:

- Attendance
- Meal count
- Menus
- Grocery receipts

Our staff will provide guidance on how to keep these records at an orientation meeting. Contact us to register for our next session and find out if you are eligible to participate!

For more details, complete the information card, call 1-800-768-5700, or visit us at:

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Please complete this form and return it if you want to learn more about the Emergency Shelters Food Program.

Name _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

County _____ Email Address _____

Type of Organization (check one) _____ Public _____ Private, Non-profit _____

