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 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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The South Carolina Department of Social Services provides funding through the USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program to help day care homes serve healthy meals to children in their care.

**GOALS**

Improve the health and nutrition of young children.

Encourage good eating habits that will last a lifetime.

Promote nutrition education to children and their families.

**QUALIFYING IS SIMPLE...**

You must be a licensed day care home. (You may be licensed by DSS or a branch of the military.)

OR

You may participate if you run a day care home that is registered by DSS. (Registered day care homes must meet Alternate Approval standards).

Meals served to children must meet nutrition guidelines.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE**

All day care homes participate in the CACFP through a sponsoring organization.

A Sponsor is a public or private non-profit agency that enters into a contract with DSS to sponsor day care homes to participate in the CACFP. A sponsor recruits day care homes, conducts training and technical assistance, monitors the program, reviews monthly records and issues the reimbursement check to the day care home provider.

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**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEALS**

Children age 12 and younger.

Migrant children age 15 and younger.

Persons with physical or mental disabilities, regardless of age, if they are enrolled in a child care facility.

**HEALTHY HELPINGS**

You may be reimbursed for up to three (3) meals served to every child present at your day care home each day. All CACFP meals must meet USDA nutrition requirements.

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