



Good nutrition today means a stronger tomorrow!

CACFP in Emergency Shelters

Does your organization provide services, such as temporary shelter and food, for young people? CACFP is a food program that helps emergency shelters serve healthy meals to children and youth.

CACFP provides important resources to emergency shelters that serve the homeless, including cash payments, free USDA Foods, training, and program assistance.

Public or private nonprofit organizations whose mission is serving young people who lack permanent housing are eligible. In addition to children's shelters, sites that provide non-permanent housing or other homeless services for youth or young parents are eligible for CACFP.

Emergency shelters receive cash payments for serving meals that meet Federal nutrition standards. The meals are served free. There are no application forms for families to fill out.

Emergency shelters that are not currently participating are encouraged to apply. Contact the CACFP agency in your State. For a list of State contacts, see our [Contact Map](#).

Learn more about the **Child and Adult Care Food Program** at USDA's website:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/>

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