

BENEFITS

In addition to receiving cash reimbursements for serving nutritious meals and snacks, we offer the following benefits:

- Our program uses the Minute Menu system, which makes your paperwork easier and more efficient.
- Minute Menu Kids software program. An Internet software program that allows you to keep all of your monthly records on your computer and then send your claim via e-mail through the Internet. You make the choice with which system is best for you.
- We have been in operation since 1984. In-home visits by friendly experienced staff.
- Quarterly newsletters with nutrition news, recipes, food program updates and fun activities.
- Information and fun activity packets, a new one at every visit. We find new ideas to give you at each in-home visit. Fun for you and the children.
- Trainings are held once a year. We offer nutrition information, free materials, new ideas and Stars approved.
- Reimbursement checks are distributed on the last working day of each month. **Direct deposit** is available and payment is guaranteed on time.
- Our program will help you to develop healthy eating habits for young children.

We currently serve over 500 providers throughout Central Washington. We encourage you to call and ask for references.

CATHOLIC FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Our sponsoring agency, CF&CS, is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the education, health and care of children.

CF&CS sponsors the Child Nutrition Program because we believe it benefits not only the children in childcare, but their parents and the providers as well.

The Child Care Nutrition Program sponsored by Catholic Family & Child Service is operated in accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Any person who believes that he/she has been discriminated against in any USDA related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington DC 20250.

CF&CS also sponsors the Child Care Resource & Referral Program throughout Central Washington. The service is free to parents and providers. The database has Childcare Providers information that is given to parents for the purpose of finding child care. Resource & Referral also offers provider support and Stars approved trainings for your licensing needs. For more information, please call 509-965-7109.

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CHILD CARE NUTRITION PROGRAM

**INTERNET ONLINE CLAIMING &
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ACCOUNTING PROGRAM
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**DIRECT DEPOSIT
STARS APPROVED TRAINING**

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WHAT IS THE CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

The Child & Adult Care Food Program is administered by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) with funding from the Food & Nutrition Service (FNS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), which provides a reimbursement for nutritious meals & snacks served in family child care homes. The CACFP plays an important role in the development of healthy eating

habits among children birth through 11 years of age enrolled in the program.

WHO QUALIFIES?

We serve licensed family childcare homes located throughout Washington.

Some of the counties we are currently serving are:

- YAKIMA** **KITTITAS**
- BENTON** **FRANKLIN**
- GRANT** **ADAMS**
- KLICKITAT** **SKAMANIA**
- WALLAWALLA** **CLARK**
- COWLITZ** **COLUMBIA**
- CHELAN** **DOUGLAS**
- SPOKANE**

REQUIREMENTS

What you must do to receive reimbursement each month:

- Maintain your family childcare license.
- Keep daily records of meals served and the children in care.
- Serve meals according to USDA nutrition guidelines.
- Participate in (1) 2 hour Nutrition training each year.

- Have one of our qualified Program Specialists visit you in your home every 4 months, (three times a year).

In exchange for following the guidelines, you will receive a cash reimbursement for 2 meals and 1 snack or 2 snacks and 1 meal per day, per child for each month.

Rates payable for each meal are based on a TIER SYSTEM placed by the federal government effective July 1, 1998.

TIER I RATES

BREAKFAST	1.66	Per day, per child
LUNCH/DINNER	3.04	Per day, per child
SNACKS	.97	Per day, per child

Tier I rates are determined by the following guidelines:

1. Provider is located in an area served by any school in which at least 50 percent of the total students enrolled are certified eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals.
2. Provider whose household income meets eligibility guidelines and has been verified.
3. Provider is located in an area based on census data in which at least 50 percent of the children residing in the area are members of households whose income meet the income eligibility guidelines. The income eligibility guidelines are below 185% of the federal income poverty guideline.

TIER II RATES(7/1/22-6/30/23)

BREAKFAST	1.66	Per day, per child
LUNCH/DINNER	3.04	Per day, per child

SNACKS .97 Per day, per child

A tier II family child care home is one that does not meet the criterion set forth for a Tier I home.

The provider may choose to become a mixed Tier II home by asking the parents of the children in care to submit an income eligibility form to the office. If the household income meets the guidelines, the provider will be paid the Tier I rates for those children.

An incentive supplement is also available to a home that is classified Tier II Low. Washington State has awarded the food program an incentive grant to help assist homes residing in a Tier II Low area.