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Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

(click the statement that describes your situation)

1. I operate **ONE** child care center, head start/early head start/even start center, at-risk afterschool care center, outside school hours care center, or emergency shelter.
2. I operate **ONE** day care center for disabled persons or adults 60 years of age or older.
3. I care for other people's children in my home.
4. I want to sponsor Day Care Homes.
5. I want to sponsor Child Day Care Centers.
6. I want to sponsor Adult Day Care Centers.
7. I am not operating any of these programs now but would like information on the CACFP.



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I operate one child care center, head start/early head start/even start center, at-risk afterschool care center, outside school hours care center, or emergency shelter, and...

(click the statement that describes your situation)

1. [I have a license.](#)
2. [My license is pending.](#)
3. [I don't know if I have a license.](#)
4. [I don't have a license.](#)
5. [I am exempt from having a license.](#)
6. [Tell me more.](#)



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You selected I have a license.

My organization's status is:

(click the statement that describes your situation)

- [Non Profit](#)
- [For Profit](#)
- [Government/Tribal/Military](#)



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You selected I have a license.
My organization's status is non profit.
(click the statement that describes your situation)

Do you have tax-exempt status from the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?

- **Yes**
- **No**

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It appears you are eligible to apply for the CACFP.

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You must have a 501c3 tax exempt status before you can apply.
Contact the [IRS](#) or your financial professional for details.

Return to this interactive tool when you obtain tax-exempt status.
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You selected, "*My license is pending.*"
Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

You must have a current license to operate the CACFP.

Return to this interactive tool when you obtain your license.
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You selected, "*I don't know if I have a license.*" **Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food** **Program (CACFP)?**

You must have a current license to operate the CACFP.
Contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
[Child Care Licensing.](#)

If you are a military installation, or Indian reservation,
contact the licensing authority on your base or reservation.

Return to this interactive tool when you have obtained a license.
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You selected, “*I am exempt from having a license.*”
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Emergency Shelters may be exempt from licensure.

Outside School Hours Care Centers and At-Risk Afterschool Care Centers may be exempt from licensure.

To find out if your center/program requires a license, contact the [Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Child Care Licensing](#).

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You selected I have a license.
My organization's status is for profit:
(click the statement that describes your situation)

- Most of the children I serve are low income.
- At least 25% of the children enrolled or 25% licensed capacity (whichever is less) are eligible for free or reduced price meals, or receive Title XX benefits.
- Neither of the above is true.



CACFP Decision Tool

Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

It appears you are not eligible to apply for the CACFP at this time.

Return to this interactive tool when either:

- most of the children you serve are low income or
- at least 25% of the children enrolled or 25% licensed capacity (whichever is less) are eligible for free or reduced price meals, or receive Title XX benefits.

Thank you for your interest.

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I operate one or more day care centers for disabled persons or adults 60 years of age or older, and...

(click the statement that describes your situation)

1. [I am licensed through the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services \(DADS\).](#)
2. [I don't know if I have a license.](#)
3. [My license is pending.](#)
4. [I do not have a license.](#)



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**You selected I am licensed through DADS.
My organization's status is:**
(click the statement that best describes your situation)

- **Non Profit**
- **For Profit**



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**You selected I have a license through DADS.
My organization's status is non profit.**
(click the statement that describes your situation)

Do you have tax-exempt status from the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?

- **Yes**
- **No**



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You must have a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status before you can apply.
Contact the [IRS](#) or your financial professional for details.

Return to this interactive tool when you obtain tax-exempt status.
Thank you for your interest.

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**You selected I have a license.
My organization's status is for profit:**

(click the statement that describes your situation)

- At least 25 % of the enrolled adults receive Medicaid (Title XIX) or Title XX.
- Less than 25% of the enrolled adults receive Title XIX or Title XX.



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Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

It appears you are not eligible to apply for the CACFP at this time.

Return to this interactive tool when 25% of the adults you serve are receiving Title XIX or Title XX benefits.

Thank you for your interest.

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CACFP Decision Tool

You selected I don't know if I have a license. Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

You must have a current license to operate the CACFP.
Contact the [Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities-Licensing](#).

Return to this interactive tool when you have obtained your license.
Thank you for your interest.

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CACFP Decision Tool

You selected, “My license is pending,” or “I do not have a license.”

Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

You must have a current license to operate the CACFP.
Contact the [Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities-Licensing](#).

Return to this interactive tool when you have obtained your license.
Thank you for your interest.

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I care for other people's children in my home, and...

(click the statement that describes your situation)

1. I am licensed or registered with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).
2. I am a military provider approved by the military licensing authority or an Indian Reservation provider approved by the reservation licensing authority.
3. My license/registration is pending.
4. I do not know if I am licensed or registered.
5. I do not have a license or registration.



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Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

It appears you are eligible to be a day care home provider.

Contact your local Texas Department of Agriculture Community Operations Office for a list of currently approved sponsors at [F&N Community Operations Office](#).

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Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

It appears you are eligible to be a day care home provider.

Contact your local [F&N Community Operations Office](#) for a list of currently approved sponsors.

If you are a military installation or Indian reservation, contact the authority on your base or reservation.

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CACFP Decision Tool

Am I eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?

You must be licensed or registered to participate as a day care home provider.
Contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
[Child Care Licensing](#).

Contact your local [F&N Community Operations Office](#) when you become
licensed or registered.

If you care for children in your home on a military installation or Indian
reservation, contact the authority on your base or reservation.

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I want to sponsor Day Care Homes. (click the statement that describes your situation)

Do you have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) ?

- **Yes**
- **No**

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CACFP Decision Tool

**I want to sponsor Day Care Homes, and
I have a Federal Identification Number.**

My organization's status is:

(click the statement that describes your situation)

- [Non Profit](#)
- [For Profit](#)
- [Government/Tribal/Military](#)



CACFP Decision Tool

**I want to sponsor Day Care Homes, and
I have a Federal Identification Number.**

My organization's status is:

(click the statement that describes your situation)

If you are a non-governmental organization with fewer than three years of administrative and financial history, you will be required to submit a performance bond to insure against misuse of government funding.

Do you have tax-exempt status from the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?

- **Yes**
- **No**

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It appears you are eligible to sponsor Day Care Homes.

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Am I eligible to sponsor Day Care Homes?

You must have a 501c3 tax exempt status before you can apply.
Contact the [IRS](#) or your financial professional for details.

Return to this interactive tool when you obtain tax-exempt status.
Thank you for your interest.

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Am I eligible to sponsor Day Care Homes?

For profit organizations are not eligible to sponsor Day Care Homes.

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CACFP Decision Tool

I want to sponsor Day Care Homes, and I do not have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN).

You must have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) to operate Day Care Homes.

Contact the [IRS](#) for information about obtaining an FEIN.
Return to this interactive tool when you have obtained your FEIN.
Thank you for your interest.

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**I am not operating any of these programs now,
but would like information on the Child and Adult
Care Food Program.**

For further information on the Child and Adult Care Food Program

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A sponsoring contracting entity is a public or nonprofit private organization that is entirely responsible for the administration of the food program in the sites they sponsor.

If you are a for profit contracting entity and you own more than one site, you are considered a sponsoring contracting entity. However, you can only sponsor sites that are part of your legal entity (affiliated) and you cannot sponsor unaffiliated sites.

If you are a non profit contracting organization, than you can sponsor both affiliated and unaffiliated sites.

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Do you have tax-exempt status from the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?

- Yes
- No