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CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM – DAY CARE CENTERS

(HARTFORD, CT) – Many local child care centers and adult day care centers in Connecticut participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and provide nutritious meals to more than 14,000 participants daily at more than 300 locations statewide through 125 locally sponsored programs.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provides nutritious meals and snacks at no separate charge to infants, young children, and adults receiving services in day care centers as well as infants and children living in emergency shelters. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) accepts applications from public and private institutions for the CACFP on an ongoing basis. Sponsoring institutions serve meals to all participants regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsors are reimbursed for each meal served, according to predetermined U.S. Department of Agriculture reimbursement rates based on the income levels of the families served by the programs. The following income guidelines will be used to determine funding in Connecticut from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013.

FREE MEALS					REDUCED PRICE MEALS				
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	14,521	1,211	559	280	1	20,665	1,723	795	398
2	19,669	1,640	757	379	2	27,991	2,333	1,077	539
3	24,817	2,069	955	478	3	35,317	2,944	1,359	680
4	29,965	2,498	1,153	577	4	42,643	3,554	1,641	821
5	35,113	2,927	1,351	676	5	49,969	4,165	1,922	961
6	40,261	3,356	1,549	775	6	57,295	4,775	2,204	1,102
7	45,409	3,785	1,747	874	7	64,621	5,386	2,486	1,243
8	50,557	4,214	1,945	973	8	71,947	5,996	2,768	1,384
Each Add'l Family Member	+5,148	+ 429	+198	+ 99	Each Add'l Family Member	+7,326	+ 611	+282	+141

Child and Adult Care Food Program applications and a list of local CACFP participating agencies are available through the CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1543.

For further information on CACFP go to: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=321576>

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