

Keystone STARS Bonus Point Quality Initiative: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

In which Keystone STARS Performance Standard will my program earn bonus points for successfully implementing CACFP?

Partnerships with Families and Communities (2 points)

How does CACFP align with the Keystone STARS Performance Standards?

CACFP is a federal program, that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks served to eligible children who are enrolled for care at participating child care centers and day care homes, as well as for meals/snacks served to children and youth participating in afterschool care programs. CACFP contributes to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children.

Participation in CACFP reinforces areas currently identified in Pennsylvania child care licensing regulations and QRIS standards related to wellness policies and practices of childcare providers, and supports critical areas such as breastfeeding support, nutritional quality of meals and snacks served in CACFP, and environments that support physical activity.

What evidence should I expect to provide to my Quality Coach to show full implementation of CACFP?

Sponsoring Organization: Responsible for two or more licensed child care sites

- Will be able to access from the Child Nutrition Program Electronic Application and Reimbursement System (CN PEARS) to provide Quality Coach with proof of approved status for the current program year.
- Will disclose results of Administrative Review to Quality Coach including Technical Assistance and Corrective Action Document to demonstrate and maintain compliance of CACFP Performance Standards. This may include CACFP sponsor being included on the Severe Deficiency list or payment hold status. Quality Coach may contact PDE CACFP Program staff for status and/or resolution.
- Will provide Certificate of Completion for the CACFP Annual Sponsor training from the Child Nutrition Toolbox, and Civil Rights training certificate for all individuals interacting with program participants and children in care.
- Will make available planned menus and other required documentation for foods planned for infants' and children's meals and snacks that meet the CACFP meal pattern and nutrient requirements to the Quality Coach.

Centers: Site administered by Sponsoring Organization or independent licensed child care site

- Will be able to provide Sponsor to sponsor agreement, Unaffiliated Center Food Agreement, or Unaffiliated Reimbursement Agreement

Home Day Care Sponsor: Administrator of nonresidential child care program for children enrolled in a private home, licensed, or approved as a family or group day care home

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Who do I contact for more information on CACFP?

Organization: PDE, Division of Food and Nutrition
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Where do I go to find additional information on CACFP?

CACFP Website: www.education.pa.gov