



Catholic Charities
**Child & Adult Care
Food Program**

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Dear Provider,

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We have been notified that several child care providers around the state have been participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) including providers under the sponsorship of Catholic Charities Maine CACFP. **Please take notice - No child care providers are allowed to participate in the CACFP and the SFSP; these Programs must serve 2 distinctly different groups of children.** We have sent this notification out to all CACFP participating daycare home providers under our sponsorship. **Participating in both Programs after being informed this is not allowed is blatant non-compliance with Program rules which is one of the top reasons to declare a program seriously deficient in the operation of the CACFP.**

If you are accepting food from the SFSP, you have only 2 choices:

- 1. Do not claim any meals or snacks through the CACFP; or**
- 2. Stop accepting meals and snacks from the SFSP.**

You cannot claim breakfast and snacks through CACFP and accept lunch from SFSP, etc.; you must choose one Program and participate through that Program, and only that Program. If you are accepting food from the SFSP; SFSP sponsors are claiming those meals and snacks, USDA is paying that reimbursement. If you then offer that food to the children in your care and claim those meals and snacks through CACFP, USDA is also paying that reimbursement. This is double-dipping, it is not allowed. Tracking which meals are actually comprised of food purchased by a child care provider and which are comprised of food purchased by SFSP sponsors is an impossible task; this is the main reason why providers cannot participate in both Programs unless it is to serve 2 distinctly different groups of children.

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Daycare home sponsors have been asked to, again, reiterate this to our providers immediately and start the SD process if we find instances of non-compliance. Please do not rely on posts from a Facebook page for your answers to your CACFP questions, but rather reach out to us if you have questions. You can contact us at [207-786-0925](tel:207-786-0925), [800-784-0157](tel:800-784-0157), or cacfp@ccmaine.org.

Be safe and be healthy!



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