

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

I have received the following CACFP Documents:

- ☐ Enrollment Form
- ☐ WIC Guidelines
- ☐ Building for Future Flyer
- ☐ CACFP Letter to Household

Child(ren) Name(s)

Parent/ Guardian Name

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Institution Name: Beyond Meals, Inc.

CE ID: 06388



Enrollment Form

New <input type="checkbox"/>	Update <input type="checkbox"/>	
Center Name _____		Site ID: _____

This Facility participates in the U.S. Dept of Agriculture **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**. The enrolled participant will receive nutritious meals and snacks at no cost to you. CACFP needs verification of enrollment for each participant in this facility. Please fill out the Parent / Guardian section in this form, sign and return to the above Facility / Center. Provide information for one participant per section.

Participant / Child Name _____			Date of Birth: _____			Age _____				
Sex: M ___ F ___		Original Enrollment Date: _____		Class room: _____			Withdraw Date: _____			
Circle the days that your child will normally attend the center:				Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				Breakfast	AM Snack	Lunch	PM Snack	Supper	Evening Snack	
Circle the meals normally served to your child in the center:										
List the normal times of Arrival and Departure: _____ To _____		Food Allergies: YES NO If YES, Please specify: _____								
Race of Participant (choose one or more):		White <input type="checkbox"/>	Asian <input type="checkbox"/>	Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/>	American Indian / Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/>		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/>			
Participant's ethnic Identity		Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/>			Not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/>					

If participant is an infant (0 – 11 months), please complete this box, Check all applicable choices below:

This Facility offers _____ formula for infants through CACFP. It is your choice whether or not to use this formula based on your infant's needs. Participation in this program requires centers to follow specific meal patterns according to the age of the infant.		
Please mark your preference (choose all that apply)	Today's date Birth – 5 Months	Today's date 6 – 11 Months
I will bring expressed breast milk for my infant:		
I want the center to provide the Infant formula for my infant		
I will bring the infant formula for my infant. It is the following brand:		
According to CACFP requirements, in order to claim meals for reimbursement, the center must provide infant cereal and other foods when your infant is developmentally ready to accept them.	Please mark your preference	Today's date 6 – 11 Months
	I want the center to provide the Infant cereal and other foods for my infant	
	I will bring the infant cereal and/or other foods for my infant	

I hereby certify the information given on this sheet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I was given CACFP Meal Benefits Income Eligibility form, letter to Household, WIC information, Building for the Future Flyers, Civil Rights Stmt.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Current Enrollment Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Contact#: _____ Work: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/ Zip code: _____

CACFP INFANT FEEDING PREFERENCE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This child care provider participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receives USDA reimbursement for serving nutritious meals to infants according to program requirements. Participation in this program requires child care providers to follow specific meal patterns according to the age of the infant.

If your child is exclusively breastfed, child care providers participating in the CACFP can feed your infant the breast milk you supply and meet the meal pattern requirements. Breastfeeding is widely recognized as the best source of nutrition for infants.

The Institute of Medicine and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that adults/caregivers, who work with infants and their families, promote and support exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months and continuation of breastfeeding in conjunction with complementary foods for 1 year or more, and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) encourages child care provider's to dedicate a space for mothers to breast feed their infants on site.

Child care providers participating in the CACFP **are required** to offer at least one infant formula for infants who are enrolled for child care. You may decline the infant formula offered, and supply breast milk and/or your own preferred infant formula.

Additionally, when you determine in consultation with your physician that your child is developmentally ready, the child care provider will also be **required** to offer infant cereal and other foods. As with infant formula, you can decline the infant cereal and other foods offered and provide those items to your child care provider. It is important to note that your child care provider will not receive reimbursement for meals that contain more than one parent provided component. Speak to your child care provider to understand what components are required for your infant's meal and the exceptions made for infants with disabilities, so that your infant receives the most nutritious meal possible.

This child care provider offers the following infant formula(s):_____

It is very important that you indicate your preferences on the form that follows so we can honor the nutrition choices you have made for your family. Please complete the information below to designate your preference for infant formula, infant cereal and other foods.

Infant's Name_____ Infant's Date of Birth_____

Breast milk and/or Formula preference

Please mark your preference (choose all that apply)	Today's Date _____ Birth through 5 months	Today's Date _____ 6 – 11 months
I will bring expressed breast milk for my infant.		
I want the child care provider to provide the infant formula it offers for my infant.		
I will bring the infant formula for my infant. Please list the kind of infant formula you will bring:		

Preference regarding infant cereal and other foods

Please mark your preference	Today's Date _____ 6 – 11 months
My child is developmentally ready for solid foods. I want the child care provider to provide the infant cereal and other foods for my infant.	
My child is developmentally ready for solids. I will bring the infant cereal and/or other foods for my infant.	
My child is NOT developmentally ready for solid foods. I will inform the provider when and designate the solid food(s) to be introduced to my infant at that time.	

Parent's (or guardian's) Signature_____ Date of Signature_____

1. This form must be kept on file for each infant enrolled for child care.
2. This form must be kept current and accurate for each infant enrolled for child care until the infant reaches one year of age.
3. If the parent (or guardian) provides expressed breast milk and the child care provider feeds it to the child, and/or if the mother breast feeds her child on site, the meal may be claimed for reimbursement.
4. If the parent (or guardian) declines the formula and the child care provider provides meal and/or snack components, the meal may be claimed for reimbursement.
5. If the parent (or guardian) declines infant meals/snack, meals and snacks may NOT be claimed for reimbursement.

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Allergy Guidelines

If the Enrollment Form have a “yes” option selected for the allergy section. And children with allergies like nuts, fruits, meats, eggs, dairy/ milk allergies or who are lactose intolerant must submit a doctor’s letter and the following **TDA guidelines** should be followed.

“4113.3 - Children/Infants with Medical or Special Dietary Needs

CEs and sites may, at their discretion, make substitutions for children/infants who are not disabled but who are unable to consume a food item because of medical or other special dietary needs, such as children/infants with food intolerance(s) (e.g., lactose intolerant or food allergy). Substitutions must be made on a case-by-case basis, must be provided at no additional cost to the parent/guardian, and must be supported by **a written statement signed by a recognized medical authority**. The written statement must include the following:

- **Identification of the medical or special dietary need that restricts the child's/infant's diet;**
- **Food or foods to be omitted from the child's/infant's diet; and**
- **Food or choice of foods to be used as substitutions.”**

Note:

- If any of the above required element is missing in the doctor’s letter, then a parent letter must be accompanied with the missing element. In this case, both doctor and parent letter are required.
- If religious preferences such as vegetarian options are requested by the parent, then the center must submit a parent letter stating the above three elements.



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To Whomsoever it may concern;

My Child(ren), _____ has dietary restrictions regarding/ is allergic to
Whole Milk Lowfat 1% Milk (circle which applies)

In this case the child(ren) cannot take or have the following items

Whole Milk Lowfat 1% Milk (circle which applies)

Instead can take

Lactose Free Milk Soy Milk (circle which applies)

As the parents of the child(ren), this is to the best of our knowledge regarding our child(ren)'s healthcare.

Sincerely,

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
CACFP MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM
(CHILD CARE)**

Follow these instructions, if your household gets SNAP, TANF or FDPIR:

Part 1: List all enrolled children and household members.

Part 2: List the eligibility number for any household members (including adults) receiving SNAP or TANF or FDPIR benefits. The SNAP or TANF number must be the 8 or 9 digit EDG# assigned by HHSC.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are **not** necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose.

If you are applying on behalf of a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

If **all** children you are applying for are foster children, or if you are only applying for benefits for the foster child:

Part 1: List all foster children. Check the box indicating that the child is a foster child.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is **not** necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose.

If some of the children in the household are foster children.

Part 1: List all enrolled children and household members. For any people, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income Box." Check the box if the child is a foster child.

Part 2: If the household does not have an eligibility number, skip this part.

Part 3: Applies only to parents/guardians of children in Tier II Day Care Homes. Sponsors must provide the *List of Eligible Federal/State Funded Programs* (H1660), with this form to households with children enrolled in Tier II Day Care Homes. Parents/Guardians can enter the program name and number as applicable.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

Column A – Name: List only the first and last name of **each** person living in your household who share income and expenses, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you) with income. Include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

Column B – Gross Income and How Often it was Received: For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

Box 1: List the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and **other deductions**. **You should be able to find it on your stub or your boss can tell you.**

Box 2: List the amount each person got from the month from welfare, child support, alimony.

Box 3: List retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's (VA) benefits, disability benefits.

Box 4: List ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES including Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. For ONLY the self-employed, report income after expenses in Box 1. Box 4 is for your business, farm or rental property. Do not include income from SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, WIC or Federal education benefits. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative or get combat pay, do not include this housing allowance as income.

Part 5: Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of the Social Security Number or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List all enrolled children and household members. For any people, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income Box."

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

Column A – Name: List only the first and last name of each person living in your household who share income and expenses, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you) with income. Include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

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Part 6: Answer this question if you choose.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.



CACFP MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM (Child Care)

Part 1. All Household Members

Name of Enrolled Child(ren):

Names of all household members (First, Middle Initial, Last)	CHECK IF A FOSTER CHILD (THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A WELFARE AGENCY OR COURT) * IF ALL CHILDREN LISTED BELOW ARE FOSTER CHILDREN, SKIP TO PART 5 TO SIGN THIS FORM.	CHECK IF NO INCOME
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 2. Benefits: If any member of your household receives SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR, provide the name and eligibility number for the person who receives benefits. **If no one receives these benefits, skip to part 3.**

NAME: _____ ELIGIBILITY NUMBER: _____

Part 3. (Applies only to parents/guardians with children enrolled in a day care home) If any member of your household receives benefits listed on the enclosed *List of Eligible Federal/State Funded Programs (H1660)*, provide the name of the program and eligibility number: NAME: _____ ELIGIBILITY NUMBER: _____

Check here if no eligibility number ☐

Part 4. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often

A. Name (List only household members with income) (Example) Jane Smith	B. Gross income and how often it was received Note: Self-employed report income after expenses in box 1			
	1. Earnings from work before deductions	2. Welfare, child support, alimony	3. Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits	4. All Other Income
	\$200/weekly _____	\$150/twice a month _____	\$100/monthly _____	\$200/bi-monthly _____
	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____
	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____
	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____
	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____
	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____	\$____/____

Part 5. Signature and Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

An adult household member must sign this form. **If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box.** (See Privacy Act Statement on the next page.)

I certify that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the center or day care home will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, the participant receiving meals may lose the meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: _____ Print name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Last four digits of Social Security Number: _ * _ * - _ * _ - _____ ☐ I do not have a Social Security Number



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Part 6. Participant's ethnic and racial identities (optional)

Mark one ethnic identity:

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Mark one or more racial identities:

- ☐ Asian
☐ White
☐ Black or African American
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Part 7. Sharing Information With Other Programs: OPTIONAL

The above information may be disclosed for the purpose of enrolling children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Parents/guardians are not required to consent to such disclosure and electing not to allow disclosure will not adversely affect a child's eligibility.

- ☐ I do elect to allow my household information to be disclosed.
☐ I do not elect to allow my household information to be disclosed.

Don't fill out this part. This is for official use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income: _____ Per: ☐ Week, ☐ Every 2 Weeks, ☐ Twice A Month, ☐ Month, ☐ Year Household size: _____

Categorical Eligibility: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____ Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____ Tier I _____ Tier II _____

Reason: _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Privacy Act Statement:

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve the participant for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application. The Social Security Number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) eligibility number for the participant or other (FDPIR) identifier or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to determine if the participant is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

Non-discrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
(2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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“Thanks to WIC,
I now have the tools
I need to make
sure my family
stays on the path to
a healthy lifestyle.”

—Roxie, WIC Client

As a WIC Client, you'll get:

- Delicious food
- One-on-one counseling with nutritionists
- Easy recipes
- Nutrition classes
- Breastfeeding support
- Health and immunization screenings
- Cooking demonstrations
- Personalized support
- Children's activities

Are you eligible?

Eight million women, infants, and children get WIC benefits. WIC is for pregnant women, new parents, infants, and children under five. If you are on Medicaid, TANF, or SNAP you already qualify.

Texas WIC Income Guidelines

Number of people in the home*	Monthly Income	Annual Income
2	\$ 2,823	\$ 33,874
3	\$ 3,551	\$ 42,606
4	\$ 4,279	\$ 51,338
5	\$ 5,006	\$ 60,070
6	\$ 5,734	\$ 68,802

Effective June 1, 2022

* A pregnant woman's household is increased by the number of infants she is expecting. If you have any income questions, call 1-800-942-3678.

Start now. Call 1-800-942-3678 or visit TexasWIC.org



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Estamos aquí para servirte

“Gracias a WIC, ahora tengo las herramientas que necesito para asegurar que mi familia siga el camino hacia un estilo de vida saludable.”

—Roxie, cliente de WIC

Como cliente de WIC, recibirás:

- Alimentos deliciosos
- Asesoramiento individualizado con nutricionistas
- Recetas sencillas de preparar
- Clases sobre nutrición
- Apoyo para la lactancia
- Evaluaciones médicas y sobre las vacunas
- Demostraciones de cocina
- Apoyo personalizado
- Actividades para niños

¿Calificas?

Ocho millones de mujeres, bebés y niños reciben beneficios de WIC. El Programa WIC va dirigido a mujeres embarazadas, nuevos padres, bebés y niños menores de cinco años. Si ya recibes Medicaid, TANF o SNAP, es posible que califiques.

Requisitos de ingresos de WIC de Texas

Número de personas en el hogar*	Ingresos mensuales	Ingresos anuales
2	\$ 2,823	\$ 33,874
3	\$ 3,551	\$ 42,606
4	\$ 4,279	\$ 51,338
5	\$ 5,006	\$ 60,070
6	\$ 5,734	\$ 68,802

Vigente a partir del 1 de junio de 2022

* El número de personas en el hogar de una mujer embarazada aumenta de acuerdo con el número de bebés que espera. Si tienes alguna pregunta relacionada con los ingresos, llama al 1-800-942-3678.

Empieza hoy mismo. Llama al 1-800-942-3678 o visita [TexasWIC.org](https://www.texaswic.org)



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Building for the Future

This child care receives Federal cash assistance to serve healthy meals to your children.
Good nutrition today means a stronger tomorrow!

Meals served here must meet nutrition requirements established by USDA's
Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Questions? Concerns?

Call USDA at
1-866-873-2263

OR

Food and Nutrition Division at
1-800-TELL-TDA
(835-5832)

Your child care at

Contact Information:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Other Necessary Information:



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Fraud Hotline: 1-866-5-FRAUD-4 or 1-866-537-2834 | P.O. Box 12847 | Austin, TX 78711
Toll Free: (877) TEX-MEAL | For the hearing impaired: (800) 735-2989 (TTY)



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Este cuidado infantil recibe asistencia federal en efectivo para server comidas saludables a sus hijos. Una Buena nutricion hoy en dia significa una manana mas fuerte.

Las comidas servidas aqui cumplen con los requisitos de nutricion establecidos por el Programa de Alimentos para el Cuidado de Ninos y Adultos (Child and Adult Care Food Program) de USDA.

¿Preguntas? ¿Preocupaciones?

Llame gratuitamente a USDA al
1-866-873-2263

División de Alimentos y Nutrición al
1-800-TELL-TDA
(835-5832)

OR

Centro de cuidado de niños de su hijo al

Contact Information:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Other Necessary Information:



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is intended for parents or guardians of children enrolled in a child care center. _____ offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of our participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP provides reimbursements for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care. Please help us comply with the requirements of the CACFP by completing the attached Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form. In addition, by filling out this form, we will be able to determine if your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals.

1. Do I need to fill out a Meal Benefit Form for each of my children in day care? You may complete and submit one CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form for all children enrolled in child care in your household **only** if the children in child care are enrolled in the same center. We cannot approve a form that is not complete, so be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill out all required information. **Return the completed form to: [(Name of Center, address, phone number)].**

2. Who can get free meals without providing income information? Children in households getting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) can get free meals. Foster children (reference question #8 for more information on foster children) and children enrolled in a Head Start Program (HSP), Early Head Start Program (EHSP), or Even Start Program (ESP) and have not entered kindergarten) are also eligible for free meals. Households with children enrolled in a HSP, EHSP or ESP can provide a certification letter from the program of the child's enrollment and do not need to complete the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form.

3. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Income Chart, sent with this application. Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for reduced price meals.

4. May I fill out a form if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits offered at the child care center.

5. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include everyone in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you) who shares income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. You also may include foster children who live with you.

6. How do I report income information and changes in employment status? The income you report must be the total gross income listed by source for each household member received last month. If last month's income does not accurately reflect your circumstances, you may provide a projection of your monthly income. If no significant change has occurred, you may use last month's income as a basis to make this projection. If your household's income is equal to or less than the amounts indicated for your household's size on the attached Income Chart, the center will receive a higher level of reimbursement. Once properly approved for free or reduced price benefits, whether through income or by providing a current SNAP, TANF, FDPIR case number, you will remain eligible for those benefits for 12 months. You should notify us, however, if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income causes your household income to be within the eligibility standards.

7. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you only get it sometimes.

8. What if I have foster children? Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Households may include foster children on the Meal Benefit Form, but are not required to include payments received for the foster child as income. Households wishing to apply for such benefits for foster children can provide the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Form 2085FC, *Placement Authorization Foster Care/Residential Care*, to their child's caregiver and do not need to complete the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form.

9. We are in the military, do we include our housing and supplemental allowances as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and you receive the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, do not include these allowances as income. Also, in regard to deployed service members, only that portion of a deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. Combat Pay, including Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) is also excluded and will not be counted as income to the household. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

10. (Pricing program only) Will the information I give be verified? Maybe. We may ask you to send written proof to verify the information you submitted on the form. **What if I disagree with the decision about the information I complete on this form?** You can talk to [enter name of staff person that handles complaints/disagreements], either in person or by telephone at [enter phone number for the staff person above]. You may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: [name, address, phone number].

In the operation of child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

If you have other questions or need help, call _____.

Sincerely,

Center Director

Estimado Padre/Tutor:

Esta carta está dirigida a todos los padres o tutores de niños que están inscritos en centros de cuidado infantil. _____ ofrece comidas saludables para todos los niños inscritos como parte de nuestra participación en el Programa de Atención Alimenticia para Niños y Adultos (CACFP, por sus siglas en inglés) del Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos (USDA, por sus siglas en inglés).

El CACFP ofrece reembolsos por comidas y meriendas saludables que se les sirven a los niños inscritos en centros de cuidado de niños. Por favor, ayúdenos a cumplir con los requisitos del CACFP llenando el Formulario de Calificación por Ingresos para el Beneficio de Comidas que está adjunto a esta carta. Además, al llenar este formulario, podremos determinar si su hijo(s) califica para recibir comidas gratis o a un precio reducido.

1. ¿Debo llenar un Formulario de Calificación para el Beneficio de Comidas por cada hijo que esté en un centro de cuidado diario? Podría ser que tenga que completar y presentar un Formulario de Calificación por Ingresos para el Beneficio de Comidas del CACFP para todos los niños de su hogar que están inscritos para recibir cuidado diario, pero sólo si están inscritos en el mismo centro. No podemos aprobar un formulario que no esté completo, por eso, debe asegurarse de leer las instrucciones con cuidado y llenar toda la información que se solicita. **Devuelva el formulario ya llenado a: [nombre del centro, dirección, número de teléfono].**

2. ¿Quién puede recibir comidas gratis sin tener que entregar información sobre ingresos? Pueden recibir comidas gratis los niños en hogares inscritos en el Programa de Asistencia de Nutrición Suplementaria (SNAP) (anteriormente "Estampillas para comida"), Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (TANF), o el Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservaciones Indígenas (FDPIR). Los niños en familias de crianza (consulte la pregunta N° 8 si desea más información sobre niños de crianza) y los niños inscritos en el Programa "Head Start" (HSP), el Programa "Early Head Start" (EHSP), o el Programa Even Start ESP) y que aún no han comenzado el jardín infantil, también califican para recibir comidas gratis. Los hogares que tienen niños inscritos en un HSP, EHSP, o ESP, pueden entregar una carta de certificación del programa de que el niño está inscrito, y así no necesitan llenar un Formulario de Calificación por Ingresos para el Beneficio de Comidas del CACFP.

3. ¿Quién puede recibir comidas a precios reducidos? Los niños pueden recibir comidas a precios reducidos si los ingresos de su hogar están dentro de los límites de precios reducidos de la Tabla de Ingresos que se envió junto con esta solicitud. Los niños en hogares que participan en WIC podrían calificar para recibir comidas a precio reducido.

4. ¿Puedo llenar el formulario si en mi hogar hay una persona que no es ciudadano estadounidense? Sí. Ni usted ni sus hijos tienen que ser ciudadanos estadounidenses para calificar para el beneficio de comidas del centro.

5. ¿A quiénes debería incluir como miembros de mi hogar? Debe incluir a todos los miembros de su hogar (es decir, los abuelos, otros parientes, o amigos que viven con usted) que comparten los ingresos y los gastos. Debe incluirse usted mismo y a todos los niños que viven con usted. También puede incluir a los niños de crianza que viven con usted.

6. ¿Cómo entrego la información sobre mis ingresos y notifico los cambios en mi situación laboral? Su informe de ingresos debe presentar los ingresos totales brutos recibidos el último mes por cada miembro del hogar indicando la fuente. Si su informe de ingresos del último mes no refleja con exactitud su situación, puede presentar una proyección de sus ingresos mensuales. Si no ha tenido cambios importantes, puede usar los ingresos del mes pasado como base para preparar esa proyección. Si los ingresos de su hogar son iguales o inferiores a los montos indicados para el tamaño de su hogar en la Tabla de Ingresos adjunta, el centro recibirá un mayor nivel de reembolsos. Una vez que tenga la aprobación para recibir beneficios gratis o a precios reducidos, ya sea mediante ingresos o presentando un número de caso vigente del SNAP, TANF, o FDPIR, usted seguirá calificando para recibir esos beneficios por 12 meses. Sin embargo, deberá notificarnos si usted o alguien de su hogar queda desempleado y la pérdida de ingresos hace que los ingresos de su hogar queden dentro de los parámetros para calificar.

7. ¿Qué puedo hacer si mis ingresos no siempre son iguales? Indique el monto que percibe normalmente. Por ejemplo, si sus ingresos mensuales generalmente son de \$1000, pero en el último mes no trabajó tanto y sólo recibió \$900, indique que recibe \$1000 mensuales. Si generalmente trabaja horas extras, debe incluir eso también, pero no lo incluya si es solamente a veces.

8. ¿Qué hago si tengo niños de crianza? Los niños de crianza que están bajo la responsabilidad legal de una agencia o un tribunal de crianza califican para recibir comidas gratis. Cualquier niño de crianza del hogar califica para recibir comidas gratis independientemente de los ingresos del hogar. Los hogares pueden incluir a niños de crianza en el Formulario de Beneficios de Comidas, pero no están obligados a incluir los pagos recibidos para el niño de crianza como ingresos. Los hogares que deseen solicitar esos beneficios para los niños de crianza pueden entregar al cuidador del niño el Formulario 2085FC *Autorización de Colocación en Crianza / Cuidado Residencial* del Departamento de Servicios para la Familia y de Protección de Texas, y así no tendrán que llenar el Formulario de Calificación por Ingresos para el Beneficio de Comidas del CACFP.

9. Pertenecemos al ejército, ¿debemos incluir nuestras pensiones de vivienda y suplementaria como ingresos? Si su vivienda forma parte de la Iniciativa de Privatización de Viviendas del Ejército, y además recibe Un Beneficio Suplementario de Subsistencia Familiar, no incluya esas pensiones como ingresos. Además, con relación a miembros del ejército en zonas de combate, sólo se contará como ingresos del hogar la parte de los ingresos del miembro del ejército que hayan sido designados por él o a nombre suyo para que vayan al hogar. Los sueldos por combate, incluyendo el Pago de Incentivos de Extensión de Servicio (DEIP) también quedan excluidos y no se contarán como ingresos del hogar. Todas las demás pensiones se deben incluir en sus ingresos brutos.

10. (Únicamente para el programa de precios) ¿Se verificará la información que yo presente? Quizás. Quizás le pidamos que envíe prueba escrita para verificar la información que presentó en el formulario. **¿Qué pasa si no estoy de acuerdo con la decisión que se tome sobre la información que yo coloque en este formulario?** Puede comunicarse con [ingrese el nombre de la persona que está a cargo de manejar las quejas/desacuerdos], ya sea en persona o mediante el siguiente número de teléfono: [ingrese el número de teléfono del empleado ya mencionado]. Puede solicitar una audiencia llamando o escribiendo a: **[nombre, dirección, número de teléfono].**

En el manejo de los programas de alimentación infantil, no se discriminará a personas según su raza, color de la piel, nacionalidad de origen, género, edad, o discapacidad.

Si tiene alguna otra pregunta, o necesita ayuda, llame al _____.

Atentamente,

DIRECTOR