



California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division





Preschools SHINE Fact Sheet

Criteria for Element 1: Child and Adult Care Food Program

Participate in the CACFP and comply with federal and state requirements.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal nutrition program that provides reimbursement for healthy meals and snacks served to children and adults. Follow the practices below to meet the criteria for Element 1.

Participate in the CACFP

-  Young children in participating child care programs receive nutritious meals and snacks.
-  Staff members can gain access to online and in-person training.
-  Applications for CACFP participation and claims for reimbursement can be submitted online.
-  The importance of healthy eating habits and physical activity is promoted.

Follow the CACFP Meal Pattern

A Preschools SHINE program must comply with all the CACFP regulations, including CACFP Meal Pattern requirements. Visit the California Department of Education Web site (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/he/oldchmlpat.asp>) for information on the CACFP Meal Pattern.

Contact the CACFP Specialist

For more information regarding the CACFP, call 800-952-5609 (select option 6) or refer to the CACFP specialist contact list located on the California Department of Education Web site (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/cc/cacfpcontact.asp>).

