



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

# Child & Adult Care Food Program

## Overview

The Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is an after-school snack and supper program for at-risk school-age children through the age of 18 during the school year at various locations. Through grants offered from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), meals are prepared by Catholic Charities Lunch-N-More Catering and Food Service Enterprise and delivered to community partners.

In 2015, nearly 4,000 low-income children were served more than 220,000 meals. More than 10,000 meals are distributed monthly at 40 sites throughout Chicago.

## After-School Program Partnerships

When school is out and parents are still at work, children need a safe place to be with their friends with structured activities, supportive adults, and good nutrition. After school programs that participate in CACFP give children and teenagers the nutrition they need while offering constructive activities that are safe, fun, and filled with opportunities for learning.

In October of 2010, Catholic Charities Lunch-N-More Catering and Food Service Enterprise began providing healthy and nutritious snacks and suppers to local at-risk youth providers participating in CAFCP. Currently, the program is being run at more than 40 sites with local community partners consisting of churches, community centers, and more.

## Program Partnership Requirements

In order for an after-school program to obtain meals from the Child & Adult Care Food Program, certain requirements must be met. Programs must:

- Be for the care and supervision of children after the school day is over during the regular school year
- Be located in an area served by a school in which at least 50% of the enrolled children are approved eligible for free and reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program
- Be operated by a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit organization

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