

	MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM			ISSUED	REVISED	CHAPTER	SECTION
	Sponsoring Organizations of Homes POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL			12/90	6/12	1	1.1
CHAPTER Chapter 1. Program Overview				SUBJECT Introduction			

Good nutrition, the development of desirable eating habits and learning about food choices are vital building blocks for young children. Provisions must be made to ensure that these building blocks are in place in order to promote good health throughout life. Growing numbers of young children receive a significant proportion of their food in child care settings.

Those responsible for feeding children in family day care homes have a great and important responsibility:

- To serve wholesome and attractive meals that meet children’s nutritional needs; and
- To make meal time a pleasant and sociable experience.

Staff of the sponsoring organizations of family child care homes and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) share in this responsibility. The CACFP is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) program, which is administered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services – Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance (MDHSS-BCFNA).

This procedure manual is designed to give sponsoring organizations of family child care homes instructions on how to operate the CACFP and to help ensure that nutritious and attractive meals are served to children in family child care homes.