

	MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	ISSUED	REVISED	CHAPTER	SECTION
	EMERGENCY/HOMELESS SHELTERS POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL	6/1/02	4/09	2	2.1
CHAPTER Chapter 2. Eligibility Requirements		SUBJECT Public or Private Non-Profit Organizations			

An emergency shelter is a public or private non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter and food services to homeless children with or without their families. These facilities would include institutions meeting the description of family shelters, shelters for domestic abuse, and other facilities whose primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter and food services to homeless children with or without their families. Emergency shelters, such as runaway shelters, that serve only children, unaccompanied by adults, are eligible to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provided the runaway shelter meets the definition for an emergency shelter. A residential child care institution (RCCI) may participate in the CACFP as an emergency shelter only if it serves a distinct group of homeless children who are not enrolled in the RCCI's regular program.

Public or Private Non-Profit Shelters must:

- Be tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code of 1986.
- Provide temporary residential accommodations of shelter and food services.
- Must maintain the appropriate inspection or permit documentation to certify that all state and local health and safety standards and requirements are met.

Emergency shelters do not have to meet child care licensing standards in Missouri in order to participate. Emergency shelters must have the appropriate State or local inspection or permit documentation to certify that minimum health and safety standards are met. The tax-exempt status must be verified by submitting the 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS with the initial application to the CACFP. **Organizations holding Missouri tax exempt status with the Secretary of State's office without holding the Federal IRS tax exemption are not eligible to participate in the CACFP.**

Current law and regulations limit participation in the CACFP to shelters providing residential care when an emergency temporary residential situation occurs.

Reference: Interim Rule – 1/3/2006 Federal Register