



# *Press Release*

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## **Celebrate National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week, March 10-16, 2024**

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LANSING – The week of March 10-16, 2024, is National Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week, and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) asks providers, educators, and students statewide to join in celebrating the importance of healthy meals for children and adults in need.

Each year, over 5,000 family and group childcare homes, family and group adult care homes, and childcare centers across the state participate in CACFP. These facilities serve more than 6.2 million breakfasts, 7.3 million lunches, 12 million snacks, and 5.4 million suppers per year to children and adults in care.

CACFP provides federal funds to non-residential child and adult care facilities to serve nutritious meals and snacks. CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of care by making it affordable for many families. The program's goal is to improve and maintain the health and nutritional status of participants in care, while promoting the development of good-eating habits.

Eligible child and adult care facilities include:

- Licensed childcare centers
- Head Start programs
- Great Start to Readiness Programs (GSRP)
- Public and Non-Public Schools
- After-school care programs
- Emergency shelters providing residential and food services to homeless children
- Family childcare homes, including relative-care providers
- Some private, for-profit childcare centers
- Adult day service programs

For more information about CACFP in Michigan, visit the [Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).

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