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Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education	Section: All Institutions
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INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY

1. The following institutions are eligible to participate in the Arkansas Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):
 - a. Child Care Center: Institution must be organized to serve nonresidential children enrolled for child care and must have a current child care license issued by the AR Department of Human Services, Licensing Unit.
 - b. Outside School Hours: Institutions must be organized primarily to serve nonresidential children, 12 years of age and under, only during outside school hours and must meet certain self-certification requirements of the State agency.
 - c. At-Risk Afterschool: Institution must be organized primarily to serve nonresidential children, school age through 18 years of age, only during after school hours, reside in a school district serving 50% or greater children qualifying for free and/or reduced priced school lunches, and have an enrichment program for the children in attendance.
 - d. Emergency Shelters: Institution must provide residential and in-house meal services to homeless children and their parents/guardians. The State and/or local health and safety codes must be met. Residential children 18 years of age and younger are eligible for participation in the CACFP.
 - e. Adult Day Care Centers: Institution must serve nonresidential adults to functionally impaired adults or persons 60 years of age or older outside of the home environment and must have a current license issued by the State agency.
 - f. Day Care Homes may participate in the CACFP under a sponsoring organization with an agreement to operate the Program. Day care homes must have a current Family Day Care license/registration issued by the State agency.

Note: Institutions may be for-profit or non-profit. However, for-profit institutions must have at least 25% of the children in attendance each month with income eligibility in the free and/or reduced price category.

Note: Child care centers participating in the CACFP may also operate an outside school hours and/or at-risk afterschool program; however, the outside school hours and at-risk afterschool programs must be separate and distinct from the child care center in their operation [226.17(b)(5)] and separate program records must be maintained [226.19(b)(3)(ii)]. For-profit institutions operating an at-risk afterschool program through their child care center must meet the 25% free and/or reduced price category criteria for their child care center and the school district of 50% or greater children qualifying for free and/or reduced price school lunches for their at-risk afterschool program.

Note: Child care centers that are not eligible to operate the CACFP may not also operate an outside school hours and/or an at-risk program of the CACFP.

2. The following institutions are not eligible to participate in the Arkansas Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):
 - a. Unlicensed child care centers and unlicensed/unregistered day care homes are not eligible to participate in the CACFP because child care center licensing and day care home unlicensed/registration is available to them from the State agency.